



Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI) SAVTI Counsellor

The Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) plans and coordinates childhood cancer services in Ontario and advises the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) on childhood cancer control. It is a multidisciplinary, professional network, committed to dialogue, policy development, research, surveillance and program evaluation. POGO provides a stimulating, working environment for inter-institutional, multi-disciplinary and multi-dimensional policy development and research. POGO is currently seeking a part-time, 12 month contract counsellor for the Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI).

The Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI) was established by the Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO) in 2002. SAVTI addresses the unique, acquired learning needs of youth who have survived childhood cancer. The late effects of childhood cancer and its treatment can impact, not only the way students learn, but also their social and emotional well-being, and their ability to successfully transition to postsecondary education (college or university), apprenticeships, training, or the workplace.

SAVTI provides client-centred, supportive counselling to survivors aged 16 and older, who wish to pursue further education and/or enter the workforce. The SAVTI counsellor will work under the auspices of POGO and will provide direct services to patients referred from the AfterCare clinics at the Hamilton Health Sciences Centre (HHSC). As well, the counsellor will establish links with post secondary institutions, schools and community agencies, and participate in training and education/knowledge transfer events. The SAVTI Counsellor will report directly to the SAVTI Provincial Coordinator.

Position Status:	0.4 (two days a week) - 12 month contract with possibility of renewal
Available:	Immediately
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide one-to-one vocational and academic counselling and advisement to eligible clients/patients • Identify education and employment barriers • Develop client-specific strategies to successfully achieve transition to further education or employment • Attend school, post-secondary, places of employment and community agency meetings as necessary to support clients • Exchange knowledge with health care providers, educators and counsellors (the ongoing resources for individual clients) • Participate in educational and informational SAVTI program presentations to various audiences • Actively engage in, identify and promote SAVTI program initiatives • Provide information and resources and advocate for survivors and parents • Liaise with AfterCare clinic staff • Establish links with local educational institutions and community agencies • Participate in SAVTI training initiatives • Track service delivery volumes and report to POGO • Provide updates for SAVTI resource guide • Participate in SAVTI program evaluation • Travel within Hamilton and surrounding area required
Education:	Degree in Education, Psychology, Disability Studies or related areas



Experience:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counselling • Academic advisement • Organizational skills • Case management • Excellent oral and written communication • Self directed, able to function independently and resourcefully, and work effectively within a team
Other Skills and Qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience in counselling or related area • Knowledge of employment and education barriers for special needs populations • Interest in pediatric cancer • Knowledge of community resources for individuals with disabilities, familiarity with/knowledge of secondary and post-secondary education systems
Application Details:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested candidates are invited to submit a resume and cover letter (as one attachment) to the attention of Madeline Riehl at hr@pogo.ca by 5:00pm on October 27, 2017.