



PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY GROUP OF ONTARIO

Successful Academic and Vocational Transition Initiative (SAVTI)

SAVTI Counsellor

Part-time (15-20 hours per week)

POGO is a champion of childhood cancer care. We work to ensure access to, and availability of, state-of-the-art cancer care for all of Ontario's children and childhood cancer survivors. We are a knowledge-based team of approximately 35 helping to make a difference in the lives of Ontario's childhood cancer community.

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 and/or access community supports. The SAVTI counsellor, reporting to the SAVTI Provincial Coordinator, will work under the auspices of POGO to provide direct services to patients referred primarily from the AfterCare clinics at The Hospital for Sick Children and Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Key Areas of Responsibility:

- Provide one-to-one vocational and academic counselling and advisement to eligible clients/patients
- Understand and interpret neuropsychological/psychoeducational reports
- Identify education and employment barriers
- Develop client-specific strategies to successfully achieve transition to further education or employment
- Attend secondary and post-secondary schools, 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 GTA is required

Education/Experience:

- Undergraduate degree in Education, Psychology, Disability Studies or related areas
- Minimum 3 years' counselling experience in a healthcare or education setting
- Experience providing academic advisement an asset
- Experience with job preparation, including resume and cover letter writing an asset
- Experience working with a diverse client population
- Experience with complex case management, outreach and referrals
- Valid driver's license and access to vehicle preferred

Skills and Attributes:

- Knowledge of employment and education barriers for special needs populations
- Knowledge of disclosure and workplace accommodations practices
- Demonstrated client-focused approach to counselling
- Knowledge of community resources for individuals with disabilities
- Familiarity with/knowledge of secondary and post-secondary education systems
- Excellent oral and written communication
- Self-directed and resourceful with demonstrated organizational skills
- Ability to work independently, as well as effectively within a team
- Excellent judgement and decision-making skills
- Strong collaboration and conflict resolution skills
- Interest or experience in pediatric cancer

How to Apply: Interested applicants are invited to send their resume and cover letter as one attachment to hr@pogo.ca by June 21, 2019.

POGO thanks all applicants, however only qualified applicants will be contacted.

POGO is committed to meeting the accessibility needs of all applicants throughout the recruiting and selection process. Applicants are encouraged to inform us of any accommodation requirements.