

GREETINGS FROM NUNAVUT

Our small but resilient group of midwives working in Nunavut are putting the call out to our colleagues in the south to see if there are midwives who would like to join our teams by filling a casual position in either Rankin Inlet or Cambridge Bay (or both). These casual positions are needed for ongoing coverage of fulltime positions and/or for vacation coverage. We are offering 4-8 week casual contracts and exceptions could be made for shorter 2-4 week contracts when we are experiencing staffing crisis, ie: summer and Christmas depending on the location and need.

Rankin Inlet is a community on the Western shore of Hudson Bay in the central Arctic. It has a population of 2,800 people. With easy access to both the tundra and the bay, Rankin Inlet provides an excellent opportunity to explore Canada's unique northern environment. We are host to amazing northern lights, incredible full moon evenings, lots of snow and renowned winter weather. To balance the long winter nights, spring and summer bring almost 24 hours of daylight, migrating birds, caribou and beautiful wildflowers.

The Birthing Center has been providing antenatal, intrapartum and postpartum care to women from Rankin Inlet since 1993. Women from the surrounding 7 communities can also choose to give birth in Rankin Inlet, and midwives travel to other communities in the Kivalliq region, when we have enough staff, to provide prenatal care. Consultation and transfer takes place with obstetricians at the St. Boniface Hospital in Winnipeg.

Cambridge Bay, located on southern Victoria Island, is the regional center for the Kitikmeot communities. Its Inuktitut name means, "fair fishing place." There is an abundance of wild life near the community including musk oxen, and several roads providing great access for hiking and camping. Midwifery services began in September 2009 and the Birthing Centre opened February 2010, serving low risk women from around the Kitikmeot region. Midwives do outreach services to all the communities and consultation and transfer takes place with obstetricians at the Stanton Hospital in Yellowknife.

Registered Midwives have regular clinic hours and a rotating on-call schedule. Midwives work in a salaried employment model and are members of the Nunavut Employee's Union. Hourly rate is \$48.55 to \$55.17 with northern allowance and compensation for standby, call back and overtime. Accommodation is provided at a daily rate. Travel to Cambridge Bay and/or Rankin Inlet is arranged by the government of Nunavut.

The candidates we are looking for must be registered with a Canadian College of Midwives or recognized midwifery body or be a graduate from MMBP or PLEA and registered with the Nunavut Midwifery Registration Committee. Ideally, you should have at least 1 full year of clinical midwifery experience. Active certification in fetal health surveillance, CPR, NRP and ESW, and FHS is required. Preceptor experience and experience providing midwifery care in a remote area is an asset. Knowledge of communities, culture, land and Inuit Qaujimatugangit is an asset.

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