

**Research Assistant
Job Posting
Deadline for Applications: December 6, 2020**

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Department: Midwifery Education Program (MEP)
Faculty: Community Services

Project title: Post Baccalaureate Curriculum Revisions Project

Project Description: In June of 2019, the MEP undertook a review of the Post Baccalaureate for Health Professionals (PBHP) stream. The PBHP is an accelerated stream which permits a small number of students who come to the MEP with a prior degree in a health-related field and with labour and deliver experience to progress through the program at an accelerated pace. Feedback on proposed options for changes to the PBHP were solicited from MEP faculty, PBHP students and alumni and MEP staff through a series of anonymous google surveys. Data from the surveys are being analysed and will inform decisions about how to modify the PBHP so that it best meets the needs of this unique group of students.

RA Position Duties and Responsibilities:

The Research Assistant (RA) will serve as an integral part of the project team. The RA will work over the 2021 winter term to assist with final analysis of project data and production of a proposal for changes to the PBHP stream to be presented to faculty at the end of the winter term in 2021. Where possible the RA will attend research meetings and record minutes. The RA will also liaise as needed with current PBHP students and alumni to support integration of student perspectives into the report and with the MEP MAAC (Midwifery Antiracist Action Committee) to ensure that the proposal adopts a decolonizing and antiracist approach.

Research Experience and Opportunities Offered RA:

The RA will work under the supervision of the primary faculty responsible for the project (Nicole Bennet and Andrea Robertson) and will liaise with students and MEP staff as needed, providing an excellent opportunity for active mentorship. This position will provide opportunities to advance research skills and to gain understanding of Midwifery pedagogy and curriculum design.

Specific Skills / Knowledge / Experience Required:

In order to fulfill their responsibilities, the RA will require excellent organization, communications, and research skills. Superior written communication will be particularly important, since the RA's responsibilities will include work on the proposal for curricular change. The RA will participate in project management activities, including the tracking and status of project activities. This will require exceptional organizational skills and a high level of self-

efficacy. Excellent time management skills will also be required to adhere to the timelines and deadlines associated with the project. Experience or commitment to engaging with equity and social justice issues would be an asset. Priority will be given to applicants with lived experience as a racialized person navigating inequities. A midwifery student or graduate from the Midwifery Education Program or from the broader midwifery community would be an ideal candidate.

Start Date: January 11, 2021

End Date: March 26 2021

Hours per week: 4

Hourly Rate: \$18.85

To apply for this position submit a cover letter and resume via email to both Nicole Bennett (nicole.bennett@ryerson.ca) and Andrea Robertson (andrea.robertson@ryerson.ca) with "PBHP RA Application" as the subject line.

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Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.