

Kitchen Cook

About DEWC

The Downtown Eastside Women's Centre exists to support and empower women and children living in extreme poverty in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. High levels of violence, homelessness, addictions and poverty characterize this community where women and children are particularly vulnerable to exploitation, injustice and injury. Through the Drop-In Centre and Emergency Night Shelter, we provide practical support to over 500 women and children daily to survive the conditions of ill health and violence that surround them.

The Opportunity

The Kitchen Cook is primarily responsible for providing a nutritious meal within a busy and chaotic drop-in centre and/or emergency night shelter including meal planning and preparation, serving, cleaning and maintenance, customer service skills, stock taking and ordering. She will participate in supporting a relevant training program for Centre Volunteers in all aspects of the kitchen.

Reporting directly to the Kitchen Services Supervisor, she will integrate a community-based approach into the DEWC as the primary principle to guide this position with the goal of engaging centre volunteers in the functioning and responsibility of the kitchen

About You

- You have at least 3 years experience working with low-income women, at least 2 years in a women serving or inner-city drop-in environment
- You will promote and articulate the mission, mandate, philosophy, and values of the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre You are knowledgeable of the issues impacting Indigenous women in the dtes, including gender-based violence, mental health, homelessness, and addictions with an understanding of trauma-informed care responses.
- You have Food Safe level 1 and First Aid certification
- Red Seal Certification an Asset
- You have experience working in a busy, chaotic, high turnover kitchen
- You have an understanding of "health through nutrition"
- You have strong conflict resolution skills and practice
- You have demonstrated crises intervention training and experience
- You have excellent communication skills required,

including the ability to work in a respectful and cooperative manner with co-workers, and centre members

- You have the ability to work within a chaotic environment and with a diverse community of women

Benefits of Joining the DEWC Team

Healthcare: extended health includes MSP, dental, vision, prescription medications, select alternative therapies, EAP life insurance and long-term disability.

Vacation & Leave: Vacation at 6% in the first year and 8% after. Sick leave credit Access to other special leaves to handle family or personal situations.

For your Retirement: Enrolled in the Municipal Pension Plan with a matching contribution from DEWC.

Other perks: Compressed work schedule, employee loan program; Regular staff development days; DEWC employees are considered first for any open position

POSITION DETAILS:

- Start Date: ASAP/ Temporary, Full-Time, 35 hours per week, 7 Day Fortnight Schedule, Flex Mon, Tues-Sat, 11:30am-8:00pm
- Union (BCGEU) – \$23.00 at completion of probationary period.+ generous health and wellness, pension, and vacation benefits
- Location – DEWC Emergency Night Shelter, 412 E. Cordova St, Vancouver
- Application Accepted Until: Until Position is Filled

Submit cover letter and resume to: **Kitchen Trainer Hiring Committee**
via fax (604) 681-8470 or email careers@dewc.ca

For full job description visit: www.dewc.ca/career

Indigenous women and women of colour are strongly encouraged to apply / Additional languages spoken an asset.

****While we thank all applicants for their interests, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted****