

Community-Based Researcher

Job Title & Location: Community-based researcher, Kamloops, BC

Title of Study: Culturally safe dementia care (CSDC): Building nursing capacity to care for First Nation Elders with memory loss

Researchers & Affiliations:

Dr. Wendy Hulko (Researcher Co-Lead & Principal Investigator (PI)), Social Work & Human Service, Thompson Rivers University (TRU); Elisabeth Antifeau (Practitioner Co-Lead & Co-Investigator (Co-I)), Community Integrated Health Services, Interior Health (IH); Dr. Colleen Varcoe (Co-I), Nursing, University of British Columbia (UBC); Star Mahara (Co-I), Nursing, TRU; & Bradley Anderson (Co-I), Aboriginal Health, IH

Duration: December 2011 to at least December 2012

Hours per week: 15-20 @ \$25/hr (inclusive)

Purpose of Project & Responsibilities

The purpose of this community-based research is to build the capacity of nurses to care for First Nation Elders with memory loss in a culturally safe way. This project involves: roundtables with Secwepemc Nation Elders to create stories from past research findings and to design, implement, and evaluate a storytelling intervention for nurses; and an educational intervention for residential and home and community care nurses, including the PHSA Indigenous Cultural Competency training & a storytelling session with Elders. The CBR will be responsible for overall project management, including participant recruitment, data collection, and data analysis; and supervision of research assistants along with the PI.

Qualifications

Knowledge of **cultural safety**; strong interpersonal communication skills; ability to work well independently & with others, particularly **Elders**; previous research experience with First Nation communities and using **qualitative methods**; graduate degree (**Masters**, PhD or equivalent) in Health or Social Sciences (e.g., nursing, social work, gerontology, sociology, anthropology); excellent **time management**, organizational & writing skills; computer proficiency; valid **driver's license**. Persons of **Indigenous** ancestry are encouraged to apply.

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