



BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre (BCW) is the only facility in British Columbia devoted primarily to the health of women, newborns and families. It provides a broad range of specialized women's health services that address the health needs of women of all ages and backgrounds. BC Women's is one of the largest maternity facilities in Canada, with over 7,000 births a year, and is both the major primary and secondary maternity services provider in the Lower Mainland and the cornerstone of the provincial tertiary care system. As an academic health centre BCW's mandate includes providing strong leadership in research and the education and professional development of health care professionals in areas related to the health of the populations we serve.

Opening in November 2017 the new **Teck Acute Care Centre (TACC)** which will provide highly-specialized care for children and women in British Columbia. The lifeline of the TACC will continue to be the care givers and support staff working in the new, modern facility. These passionate individuals are devoted to bringing a better quality of life to the patients that we serve.

BCW is an agency of the **Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA)**, which plans, manages and evaluates selected specialty and province-wide health care services across BC. *PHSA embodies values that reflect a commitment to excellence. These include: Respect people • Be compassionate • Dare to innovate • Cultivate partnerships • Serve with purpose.*

Genetic Counsellor, Medical Genetics

Reference # 55190

Temporary Full Time (Until June 2018)

Wage: \$32.84 to \$40.96 per hour

4500 Oak Street

Vancouver, BC

The Genetic Counsellor, Medical Genetics is a medical professional who participates in a team approach to providing genetic counseling to individual patients and their families. The Genetic Counsellor role also includes presentation and in-services on medical genetics topics to public and professional groups, as well as lectures to students in the areas of medicine, genetic counseling and other faculties in accordance with established standards, policies and procedures.

Duties/Accountabilities Include:

- Participates on the clinical team by developing, preparing and completing patient care history files (medical, pregnancy and family history) through interviews with patients and family members. Elicits patient concerns, analyzes inheritance patterns, summarizes data, and discusses concerns with the Medical Geneticist.
- Provides genetic counseling and support to patients and family members, both independently (under the direction of a Medical Geneticist) and within the Counsellor/Medical Geneticist team, by providing families with information about particular genetic disorders, inheritance patterns, genetic risk, genetic testing options, available support groups, in addition to assisting the patient/family in coping with the emotional

stress associated with a genetic diagnosis.

- Dictates letters to communicate to the referring and family physician the details and recommendations of a genetic session which are cosigned by the Medical Geneticist.
- Serves as the liaison person between the referring physician, the patient and the medical genetic physician to assure an understanding of the counseling issues and follow-up recommendations. Contacts patient/referring physician with results as needed.
- Involved as members of multidisciplinary clinics (eg Fetal Diagnostic Service) representing the medical genetics clinic by providing counseling, expertise and recommendations based on medical genetics standards of care.

Qualifications

Education, Training and Experience

- Master's degree in Medical Genetics or Genetic Counselling OR an equivalent combination of education, training and experience with two (2) years recent related genetic experience.
- Board certified for certification with the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors and/or American Board of Genetic Counselling.

Skills and Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to deal effectively with patient/families in crisis.
- Ability to operate related equipment such as computerized genetic databases/information systems.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.

We invite you to apply by clicking on the link below, then on the "**Apply Now**" button where you can register for the first time or enter your Username and Password in order to re-access your profile in our system.

<https://jobs.phsa.ca/job/vancouver/genetic-counsellor-medical-genetics/909/4007022>

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

**** Relocation Assistance May Be Available ****

For more information about Indigenous Women's Health Program at BC Women's Hospital, please visit the website at: www.bcwomens.ca

PHSA is committed to employment equity and hires on the basis of merit. We encourage applications from all qualified individuals, including Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities.