

	JOB DESCRIPTION		
	Position Title: Program: Service: Accountable to:	CASUAL COMMUNITY AND PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER Health Community and Personal Support Services Community and Personal Support Services Manager	
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PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

The Casual Community and Personal Support Worker is a multi-functional para-professional who is responsible for the delivery of in-home support and personal care to ill, frail, handicapped and disabled persons of all ages so that they may remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. With direct supervision provided by Dilico's Community and Personal Support Services Manager, the Casual Community and Personal Support Worker collaborates with the Community and Personal Support Services Manager and other Health staff, to ensure the provision of culturally appropriate support and assistance to eligible clients including the provision of support with activities of daily living, Personal Care, Caregiver Relief and/or Palliative Care.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Service Responsibilities

Under the direct supervision of the Community and Personal Support Services Manager, the Casual Community and Personal Support Worker is responsible for:

- a. following basic hygienic practices and applying the principles of body mechanics;
- b. providing assistance with personal care activities such as but not limited to bathing, dressing, transferring, walking, handling stairs, dressing, and grooming; assisting with bedside care as required; basic foot care

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- c. providing assistance with routine activities of daily living and supporting the safety of clients and self;
- d. assisting with the use and monitoring of special aids (i.e., walkers, canes, wheelchairs, lifts, crutches, etc);
- e. assisting with medication monitoring according to policies and procedures of the agency;
- f. assisting with meal planning and shopping, planning and preparation of nutritious meals, including special diets;
- g. providing ongoing support to family members involved in client care; encouraging involvement in client care and facilitating effective and ongoing communication;
- h. assisting with support and training of primary caregivers in the care of infants and children according to the service plan, within a multidisciplinary team approach;
- i. providing childcare and support for clients where required;
- j. in cases where palliative care is necessary, offering sensitive physical, mental and emotional support;
- k. providing assistance with instrumental activities of daily living (light housekeeping duties) as identified in the service plan;
- l. providing assistance with or facilitating adult life enrichment programming, if applicable;
- m. providing speech language intervention follow-up services where required.

2. Organizational Responsibilities

As a representative of Dilico, the Employee is responsible for:

- a. reflecting and interpreting the Agency Vision, Mission and Core Values in his/her own work with enthusiasm and commitment;
- b. acting in accordance with relevant legislation and Agency Policies, Standards and Procedures;
- c. proposing changes within Dilico that would improve the quality of service to Anishinabek children, families and communities;
- d. developing and maintaining respectful, cooperative working relationships to contribute to the integrated, seamless delivery of services to Anishinabek children, families and communities;
- e. understanding his/her role and responsibility in maintaining a safe workplace and reducing workplace injuries;
- f. applying Anishinabek culture, values, traditions and teachings into programming where possible;
- g. ensuring accuracy, confidentiality and safekeeping of agency records;

- h. participating constructively in the supervision process with the immediate Manager;

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Education

A minimum one-year PSW Certificate is required.

2. Work Experience

Two (2) years direct experience in the provision of in-home personal care. Candidates without the specific education qualifications and where the position does not require certified qualification to practice, but who possess an appropriate combination of experience and other academic qualifications will also be considered.

3. Skills/Abilities

- a. proven ability to effectively and safely provide personal care, personal support, palliative care and respite to elderly, disabled, and special needs children within a home setting;
- b. excellent time management, organizational and coordination skills;
- c. good written and oral communication skills;
- d. ability to communicate in an Anishinabek language and provide translation would be an asset;
- e. excellent interpersonal skills,
- f. ability to effectively problem-solve;
- g. ability to maintain confidentiality;
- h. understanding of computers and software programs such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Access, Lotus Notes, Excel, Power Point and Windows Explorer;
- i. Ability to follow direction and work independently, exercise good judgment, and prioritize daily tasks;
- j. ability to work effectively and sensitively with Anishinabek children and families;
- k. demonstrated understanding of the needs of the elderly, ill, physically challenged, and other vulnerable individuals and families;
- l. knowledge of gerontology, community health, and multi-disciplinary programming as it relates to the physical, spiritual and psycho-social needs of the target population;

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- m. knowledge of current issues affecting the home health care needs of Anishinabek people;
- n. ability to work as a member of a team and work within the Policies and Procedures and the vision, mission and core values established by Dilico Anishinabek Family Care.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

- a. must have a Personal Support Worker Certificate or be willing and able to complete Personal Support Worker Certificate training;
- b. he/she must demonstrate the willingness and ability to work with clients of all ages, including infants, children, adults and the elderly;
- c. he/she must possess a Standard First Aid and CPR Certificate or be willing to obtain one;
- d. he/she must be able to work flexible hours in a home, school, and/or community setting as required;
- e. he/she must have a valid Ontario driver's licence and access to a personal vehicle;
- f. a criminal record and vulnerable sector search check is required upon hiring;

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. The employee may perform other related duties as required to meet the ongoing needs of the organization.