

CULTURAL AND LANGUAGE TEACHER

Type of Position: Full-time, Permanent

Closing date: September 8, 2021

Gitsegukla Band is seeking a dynamic individual to join its team as Cultural and Language Teacher.

Reporting to the Principal, the Cultural and Language Teacher will be responsible to develop and teach Gitksan language and culture curricula, resources, and materials for elementary school students and be a community resource to strengthen the knowledge of the Gitksan culture and language.

Duties and Responsibilities

Culture and Language Teaching

- Plan, prepare and teach language and culture classes for elementary school students.
- Set learning goals, assess learner progress and administer records in accordance with program reporting requirements.
- Develop, adapt and write culturally appropriate materials and activities for program delivery and develop curriculums, guidelines, and best practices documents that support elementary school students and adult Gitksan language and culture education.
- Develop and deliver workshops, courses, and presentations to promote and educate on the Gitksan language and culture.
- Collaborate with internal departments and external organizations in the development of resources that support curriculum development.

Culture and Language Promotion

- Act as a resource to Gitsegukla members, community organizations and businesses on language and culture.
- Develop the content for the appropriate promotion tools to publicize the services offered.
- Complete other tasks related to promoting the language and culture within the community.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Strong awareness and understanding of Indigenous education, social and cultural issues.
- Act as a role model for cultural sensitivity.
- Good knowledge and understanding of Indigenous language learning or culture-based education, pedagogy and instructional practices.
- Comprehensive understanding of Indigenous culture and education history and context and how to incorporate traditional knowledge into all aspects of work and daily life.
- Strong people skills and the ability to work with all age groups in a thoughtful and engaging manner.

- Exceptional integrity and professionalism including maintaining confidentiality.
- Effective written and oral communications skills, including the ability to prepare and present information in a variety of formats to various audiences.

Experience and Education Requirements

- Strong knowledge of Gitksan language and culture with demonstrated experience preserving and nurturing the language and culture as well as enhancing its usage in daily life.
- A Bachelor (or equivalent) degree in Language, Arts and Culture, Heritage, or equivalent would be considered an asset.
- Demonstrated experience in language learning or culture-based teaching in an Indigenous environment.
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and proficiency working with MS Office programs.

Ability to successfully and periodically undergo an appropriate criminal records review and police record check is required.

All interested applicants are encouraged to submit a cover letter and resume outlining how you meet these qualifications and the specific position for which you are applying to the c/o: MNP at applyvia@mnp.ca. Please call 204.789.3088 for technical difficulties with submission of your application.

Applications are assessed as they are received therefore early application is recommended.

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Applications will only be considered from those eligible to work in Canada. All applicants who require a work permit or sponsorship for employment in Canada will not be considered.

Candidates who meet the above criteria will be contacted for an interview. Proof of certifications will be required prior to employment.