

## Counsellor – Palliative Care

- **Do you have the talent? then this is your opportunity!**
- **Are you experienced in providing brief intervention counselling?**
- **20 hours per week (0.5 FTE) – flexibly designed to optimise patient and family care delivery whilst achieving a good work/life balance**

Totara Hospice is a supportive and caring organisation, providing palliative care services to patients and their families/whanau living in the South & South East Auckland catchment area. This is an exciting opportunity to join the Totara Hospice team and make a difference in people's lives by supporting them through what can be a challenging time.

We are currently seeking an experienced Counsellor, who will be responsible for providing a counselling service to Palliative Care patients and their families, primarily via Community visits, at our Living Well Centre and Out-Patient Services. This role directly facilitates people and their families to live with life-limiting health diagnoses.

Reporting to the Manager of Social and Cultural Support and lead Community Networking, the Counsellor will work in a multidisciplinary team, and be responsible for providing individual, group and family therapy to a best practice standard. The Counsellor will use therapeutic approaches appropriate to the client's needs, culture and issues to assist clients to develop their own strengths and solutions in order to manage change and loss.

### **The ideal candidate will have:**

- Tertiary Qualification that provides eligibility for Registration with an NZ National Governing body for Counselling and/or Psychotherapy
- Minimum of two years' recent experience working as a counsellor
- Therapeutic practice experience in grief and loss with a preference to palliative care
- Full membership of a governing body i.e. NZCCA or NZAC
- Ability & commitment to work cooperatively as part of a multidisciplinary team with good knowledge of the palliative care environment
- Demonstrated use of best practice methods of accountability and professional standards
- Completed Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi training

### **Some of the benefits of working with us....**

- Great location, peaceful surroundings, easy access to motorway and free parking
- Strong focus on employee wellbeing, annual flu vaccinations, continuous learning & development
- EAP support to all staff members
- Discounted healthcare insurance for Southern Cross

Totara Hospice values diversity and inclusion and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to those of all backgrounds and identities.

For more information about this position, or a copy of the job description, please contact Marleen Tuigamala, Manager of Social & Cultural Support and Community Networking directly on 09-6400025.

**To apply for this position, please email your application including cover letter and cv to [hr.team@hospice.co.nz](mailto:hr.team@hospice.co.nz)**

If this sounds like the perfect role for you, apply now...applications will be reviewed as received and will close once we find the perfect person...so don't miss out on this great opportunity!