



SQ'EWQÉYL FIRST NATION

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Skowkale is a fast-paced, growing community that additionally provides services to other local communities. Preference will be given to qualified First Nations applicants. Please self-identify on your cover letter or resume.

Halqemeylem Language & Heritage Preservationists

Full time– 1 year term

Wage: \$27.00 per hour

This role is vital in preserving our Halqemeylem language by interacting with the last fluent speaker to formally learn and document, archiving reference (language and culture) materials for future generations. In addition, after learning the language, this person will mentor and share knowledge to strengthen language use and competence through language classes and programs.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Shadow elder fluent speaker to learn and formally document the Halqemeylem language and culture through written and recorded means
- Mentor members to speak the Halqemeylem language to share and build language use and competence
- Develop and deliver formal language programs for all age groups and audiences, including children, youth, and adult learners
- Monitor and evaluate program effectiveness.
- Provide support to the elder speaker and assist with meal preparation, cleaning her home, driving her to appointments, shopping, etc., or needs as required.
- Commit to 5 years with the preservation program
- Continuous learner of the language

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of the Halqemeylem language, culture, and protocols
- Belief in the importance of preserving language and enjoys sharing and learning with others
- Strong cultural sensitivity and understanding. Able to build strong relationships with elders, adults, children, and youth, built on trust.
- Ability to document and record language information for archiving
- Intermediate proficiency with computers including Word and Outlook

Training, Education, Certification, and Experience

- A member from Skowkale or other Halqemeylem speaking communities
- Experience in developing and implementing language programs preferred
- Experience working with elders and knowledge holders
- Experience creating language curriculum and the development of course materials for variable age groups and learning styles preferred
- Satisfactory Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Check
- Previous teaching experience is an asset
- Valid B.C. Class 5 Driver's license

Working Conditions

- Assisting and supporting in the elder's home
- Interacting with community members of all age ranges

COVID-19 considerations:

mandatory vaccination, masking, and social distancing

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter with three (3) references identified outlining how they meet the specific requirements of the position to manager@skowkalefn.com, position(s) open until filled. *(Please include position title in the subject line)*

While we sincerely appreciate all applications, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference may be given to candidates of First Nations ancestry and have knowledge of local First Nations traditional customs and practices.