

Employment Opportunity



Skowkale First Nation

Position Title: *Halqemeylem Language Instructor*
Position Location: *Chilliwack, BC*
Salary: *\$28.82/hr*
Work Term: *Part Time (10 hours a week)*

Position Overview

This role is vital in preserving our Halqemeylem language by building each student's foundation for the Halqemeylem Language and using a variety of teaching methods. The Instructor will work close with the Halqemeylem Language & Heritage Preservationists to assist them in interacting with the last fluent speaker(s) to formally learn and document, archiving reference (language and culture) materials for future generations. The Language Instructor will be responsible to mentor and share knowledge to strengthen language use and competence through language classes and programs.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Develop lesson plans for children, youth and to adult immersion in the Halqemeylem Language to include culturally relevant activities, songs and practices
- Prepare materials and class activities for learning
- Adapt teaching methods and instructional materials to meet the varying needs of learners' interests and abilities
- Gather data useful for planning instructional programs, modifying existing programs and communicating with others
- Work with other fluent speakers 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
- Monitor and evaluate program effectiveness.
- 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
- Ability to work as part of a team to establish and maintain effective communication with staff and students
- Intermediate proficiency with computers including Word and Outlook
- Ability to use technology and host zoom/online classes
- Understanding of First Nations cultures.

Training, Education 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
- First Nations Language Teacher Certificate is an asset
- 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

Terms of Employment:

- Employee signs a standard form contract of employment.
- To ensure the health and safety of all employees and members of the community we have adopted a mandatory vaccination policy
- Term of employment is Part Time (10 hours a week) .
- Hourly wage of \$28.82./hr, payable biweekly and not in advance.
- If no exemption applies, deductions will be made at source according to law.
- If applicable, employer contributions will be made at prescribed rates to CPP, EI, WCB and vacation pay.

While we sincerely appreciate all applications, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference may be given to candidates of Indigenous ancestry **s16(1) CHRA** and have knowledge of local First Nations traditional customs and practices.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should send a resume and cover letter outlining how they meet the specific requirements of the position to careers@jouta.com. **Position open until filled.**