

SSU Engage Peer Contract Job Posting

Date: Sept. 25, 2026

Job Opportunity – Peer Support Worker

Closing Date: Monday, October 5, 2026

Peer Support Worker Contract with SSU Engage

Start: ASAP

Duration of Placement: 6-month initial contract with potential to renew

Pay and Hours: **\$23.00** per hour, **Monday to Wednesday**, up to **100 hours** per month

Location of Work: 312 Main Street, Vancouver, BC. Additional worksites may include (but not limited to): withdrawal management sites, recovery groups, hospital and other health care settings, shelters, and supportive or subsidized housing environments.

SSU Engage is a multidisciplinary outreach-based team that works with clients seeking substance use support. We help clients overcome barriers to their recovery goals, and facilitate substance use care plans. As a Peer Support Worker, you will play a crucial role in helping people in recovery build connections, resiliency, and wellness through outreach and accompaniment support, goal setting and relationship building, collaboration with other team members, and thoughtful sharing of recovery experiences and knowledge.

Role and Responsibilities:

- Builds constructive relationships between clients and families, and their health care providers and the community.
- Shares their own consumer knowledge and lived experience of substance use, mental health and experience navigating clinical services to assist SSU Engage clients reduce barriers to care and support treatment attachment.
- Acts as an expert resource for the team based on the peer's lived experience and provide guidance in areas of how to engage with clients and the community.
- Supports team in building rapport and trust with client.
- Provides a variety of supports to assist clients living with substance use/ mental health such as emotional and social supports, health care navigation, goal setting, information, sources.
- Support the implementation of client's care plan - assisting clients' in their physical, social, emotional and daily life skills development, with a goal of increasing independence, improving health outcomes and quality of life, as identified by the client.
- Accept delegated tasks within roles and responsibilities and continually communicate updates through verbal reports and formal documentation.
- Provides support through outreach visits, appointment accompaniments, or facilitating introductions between clients and other services or groups.
- Attend trainings, regular supervision, and other team meetings as required.

Role and Responsibilities (continued):

- Follows the VCH Privacy and Confidentiality Policy for all client work.
- Follows guidelines set out in the VCSSU Peer Framework Guide and other applicable site guidelines.
- Communicates with site staff and completes paperwork as required.

Skills and Abilities:

- Have personal lived/living experience with substance use recovery
- Have personal experience receiving services within the substance use system
- Have completed a Peer Support Training Program and/or equivalent education and experience
- Prior experience working in an outreach-based program is preferred
- Be familiar with and comfortable using Zoom, Microsoft 365, and mobile apps
- Have excellent listening and communication skills
- Be able to attend shifts consistently and be highly reliable to commitments
- Have a successful completion of a Criminal Record Check (organized and paid by VCH)
- Be able to role model recovery by sharing common life experiences and practical information
- Have effective strategies for maintaining wellness, recovery, and dealing with stress
- Be able to work respectfully with a culturally diverse population
- Be willing to respect other people's right to decline assistance
- Be open and willing to support a wide range of recovery pathways
- Be able to present in a professional manner
- Be empathetic, patient, and supportive

We encourage applicants with diverse and/or marginalized backgrounds to apply.

To apply, please send your resume and cover letter by email to: katie.tweedie@vch.ca with the subject line: "SSU Engage Peer Support Worker Application". Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

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