



Skeena Midwives

Hazelton, BC

Skeena Midwives is seeking a full time Registered Midwife to serve as a practice partner in a 2 midwife rural/remote practice in northwestern BC. Hazelton (and area) boasts incredible mountain scenery, low cost of living, excellent access to outdoor recreation, and a warm and welcoming community.

This opening would begin April 1 2020, and ideally be filled by someone hoping to stay. Skeena Midwives operates within a service contract with the Northern Health Authority and First Nations Health Authority and services a diverse population. This contract allows our low volume site to be financially sustainable, with each midwife holding their own contract with NH.

Rural/remote midwifery is an adventure and opens doors to clinical and community opportunities not common in more urban locations. Our primary hospital, Wrinch Memorial Hospital, is level 1A, and currently has no on-site surgical back up. We are proud to head a midwifery-led maternity program and belong to a respectful and supportive interprofessional team with physicians, nurses, and a Nurse Practitioner. We hold privileges at Bulkley Valley District Hospital in Smithers where we also plan deliveries, and transfer for more complex cases. Interprofessional relationships are strong in both sites.

Skeena Midwives serves a primarily Indigenous population, and we work hard to maintain good relationships within these communities. Living and working in the Hazeltons necessitates a strong understanding and application of cultural safety. Experience working rurally/remotely and with Indigenous populations would be an asset.

Our current call model is supported primary care with each midwife taking a long weekend off call every other weekend. We are working on securing a regular locum to cover longer holidays and time off. This call model may be subject to change based on the practice preferences and styles of both partners.

The Hazeltons are a unique and beautiful location. Midwives have access to an active, rich, and affordable lifestyle while being able to take part in rewarding interprofessional teams, engaging in culturally safe care, and enhancing a community that wouldn't otherwise have maternity care.

Please send any applications (CV and letter of interest), as well as any questions to Carmen Wiebe RM carmentw03@gmail.com.

