



JOB POSTING: CERTIFIED MUSIC THERAPIST (CONTRACT – Maternity Leave Coverage)

The North Vancouver Community Arts Council (North Van Arts) is a grassroots, social-profit, charitable cultural organization dedicated to maximizing the intrinsic value of the arts in all media. Our mandate is to enable emerging and professional artists in all disciplines, to bridge cultures, and to build strong and healthy communities through the arts. We are a vibrant and dynamic organization of over 400 members with a proud history of serving the citizens of the North Shore and artists from throughout Metro Vancouver and beyond.

ROLE OVERVIEW

We are currently seeking an empathetic and personable individual, with strong organizational skills to manage and facilitate our long-standing *Rhythm & Word Music Therapy* program, working directly with students grade 9 to 12 at Mountainside Secondary School.

The Music Therapist will report to the Executive Director of North Van Arts and works closely with Mountainside Secondary faculty on delivery of the program. The therapist is responsible for managing all aspects of music therapy, including preparation and delivery of both individual and group sessions with students.

Please note that this position is a contract term, for maternity leave coverage.

About the program

Rhythm & Word uses music therapy to support the well-being and personal development of students from diverse socio-economic backgrounds and underserved groups (including People of Colour, Indigenous Peoples, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, and people living with disabilities).

Through individual and group sessions, participants develop key skills such as emotional regulation, accountability, trust, respect, and positive self-expression. Students can learn to play a number of different musical instruments, or learn vocalization, songwriting, and recording within a supportive and inclusive environment.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Music Therapist is responsible for:

- Develop and run individual and group programming to meet the needs of the youth participants
- Engage with youth, and aid in their collaboration process through all aspects of music
- Provide individual and group sessions on a weekly basis



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- Provide documentation of progress to school personnel and to North Van Arts on an ongoing basis
- Meet regularly with school personnel regarding student and program progress
- Maintain an inventory of instruments and supplies
- Provide professional liability insurance

QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES:

Education and Experience

- Bachelor or Master's degree in Music Therapy
- Registered with the Music Therapy Association of BC
- Undergraduate degree in Music or Education (an asset)
- Experience working with youth at-risk and working in a school setting
- Strong guitar, drumming, piano and vocal skills
- Experience using music technology (Garage Band, sound mixing, etc.)
- **Up-to-date criminal record check (required)**
- **Professional liability insurance (required)**

Competencies:

- Experience with program development
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team

WORKING CONDITIONS:

This is a temporary contract position, for maternity coverage. The position is an average of 16.5 hours per week, working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (excluding statutory holidays).

- Paid Training will take place March 9, 2026 to March 11, 2026.
- The contract agreement will start on March 30, 2026 and end on June 25, 2026.

REMUNERATION:

Contract Fee: Preparation/ Training - \$26.5/hour | Teaching - \$52.50/hour

EXPECTED START DATE: March 9, 2026



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HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a resume and cover letter by email to jointheteam@northvanarts.ca.

North Van Arts aims to be a safer space for all who engage with us, including our staff. We are working towards providing opportunities and places of connection for all community members. We especially encourage applications from members of groups who are underrepresented in our community, including, but not limited to:

- Indigenous Peoples (First Nation, Métis, and Inuit).
- People of colour.
- 2SLGBTQIA+ community.
- People living with one or more visible and/or invisible disabilities.
- Discriminated people due to discrimination due to race, gender, age, ancestry, religion, or place of origin.

If you have questions or concerns about how North Van Arts will work to ensure we are a safe and comfortable space for you to work, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your interest in working with North Van Arts. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.