Professional Practice Advisor

Full-time 35 Hours per week, Permanent

The Organization

The Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW) mandate as legislated by the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), is to serve and protect the public interest by working to ensure that social workers provide safe, ethical, and competent services to Albertans. Through governance of the profession, comprised of 10,000 registrants, ACSW's mandate is to regulate the practice of social work by setting and maintaining standards for education, mandatory registration, continuing competence, the practice of restricted activities, the clinical practice specialization and professional conduct. The HPA provides for protection of title and a broadly defined scope of practice. ACSW has established and enforces Standards of Practice and a Code of Ethics to govern the practice of social work in Alberta.

What will I be doing?

The professional practice advisor is a member of ACSW's Professional Practice department, reporting to the director, professional practice. The advisor supports the department's responsibility to promote, support and uphold safe, ethical, competent and contemporary social work practice in Alberta. Through standards and guidance development, practice advice and education, and the competence and quality assurance programs, the advisor helps the profession maintain and advance competent practice and contributes to ACSW's mandate to protect the public interest. Key areas of responsibility include:

Professional Practice Standards, Ethics and Regulatory Guidance

- Contribute to the development, review and implementation of the Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice and practice guidelines
- Monitor legislation and emerging issues affecting practice; and conduct research and environmental scans to inform evidence-informed guidance

Professional Practice Advice, Education and Knowledge Translation

- Respond to complex and sensitive practice inquiries from registrants, employers, educators and the public
- Develop and deliver presentations, tools and resources that turn legislation, standards and research into clear, practical guidance

Competence Program and Quality Assurance

- Support the Competence and Quality Assurance Programs, including practice assessments, audits and reviews; coach registrants through remediation

Partner Engagement and Professional Relations

- Represent ACSW and build effective relationships with registrants, employers, academic institutions, and other partners.

What do I need to succeed?

- A Bachelor of Social Work is required; a Master's degree in Social Work is preferred.
- Active registration on the ACSW general register.
- A minimum of five years of social work practice experience, including experience in professional practice roles.

This is a great opportunity for a goal-oriented and driven professional to join a dynamic team striving to regulate the social work profession, ensuring that social workers are accountable for providing safe, competent and ethical services to Albertans.

Interested professionals are asked to submit a resume, letter of interest and references via email to the director, professional practice at professional.practice@acsw.ab.ca

Equal Employment Opportunity

The ACSW welcomes diversity and embraces inclusion. ACSW is committed to cultivating an organizational culture where every member of the community shares a feeling of safety and belonging, and where diversity of perspectives, backgrounds, and life experiences is essential to success. The ACSW strongly encourages qualified applications that represent the diversity of our community.

ACSW thanks all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

CLOSING DATE: November 19, 2026

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