

First Nations Education Steering Committee

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Director of Jurisdiction

Join us to make a lasting impact!

The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) is an independent society led by a strong and diverse board of about 100 First Nations community representatives. FNESC is committed to improving education for all First Nations students in BC. FNESC works in partnership with the First Nations School Association (FNSA), and the Indigenous Adult Higher Learning Association (IAHLA), as well as other partner organizations.

We are currently searching Director of Jurisdiction to join our team and play a key role in supporting our commitment to improve education for all First Nation students in BC. Initially, the Director of Jurisdiction will report to the Executive Director, FNESC with the eventual plan that the Director of Jurisdiction will become the Executive Director, First Nations Education Authority.

The First Nations Education Authority (FNEA) will be an independent body designed specifically for First Nations that are exercising jurisdiction over education (through sectoral self-government agreements) in British Columbia. The FNEA will exercise jurisdiction over education matters that are delegated to it by participating First Nations as articulated in a co-management agreement between the FNEA and the participating First Nation.

Duties and Responsibilities

Implementation of Jurisdiction:

- Support negotiating First Nations (NFNs), and ultimately Participating First Nations (PFNs), to effectively implement Jurisdiction as set out in legislation and agreements.

Consultation and Partnerships:

- Coordinating consultation and partnership opportunities with BC First Nations to determine their ongoing vision for a First Nations education regulatory body;
- Working closely with the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and the First Nations Schools Association (FNSA) in order to determine the appropriate relationship between the organizations and to ensure that programs (such as school assessment and teacher certification initiatives) are complimentary and aligned;
- Coordinating consultation and partnership opportunities with additional stakeholders (such as the BC Teacher Regulation Branch and the Ministry of Education) to effectively and efficiently develop the framework for the FNEA;

Research and Material Development:

- Overseeing and/or conducting research related to the development of FNEA framework and other Jurisdiction related matters. This includes research regarding current provincial graduation requirements, the creation of a “regulatory” body for BC First Nations education, and the development of policies and procedures for the FNEA to implement regulatory functions as laid out in the federal and provincial First Nations Education Jurisdiction Acts.

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Outreach and Communications:

- Taking direction from the FNEA Board of Directors and ensuring appropriate representation of the FNEA in relevant outreach activities and opportunities;

Organizational Operations:

- Managing and reporting on budgets, work plans, organizational achievements or issues, and strategic plans;
- Management of FNEA staff including hiring, reviewing performance, disciplining and terminating employees when necessary;

Requirements:

- A minimum of a Bachelors' Degree or higher in a relevant field (Education, Business Administration, Public Administration, Political Science, etc.);
- A minimum of three (3) years' experience working with complex legal issues, negotiations, and consulting with legal advisors and subject matter experts;
- Extensive experience and understanding of First Nations education issues and BC First Nations education agreements, partnerships, and legislation;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- A minimum of three years' experience managing programs, services, budgets, and staff;
- Valid drivers' license and satisfactory criminal record check;
- Strong sense of responsibility and a ownership;
- Flexibility for travel when/if required.

This is a full time position. The Employee shall perform his/her duties at such places and during such times as may be reasonably necessary. Extensive frequent travel is required throughout the province of BC.

This position will initially be based at the FNESC office in West Vancouver, BC. Eventually, the Director of Jurisdiction will be responsible for securing office space for the First Nations Education Authority.

The salary for this position is \$110,000 per year.

We offer full-time meaningful work in a professional, friendly, and respectful office environment which is easily accessible by transit and right next door to Park Royal Mall. We enjoy having occasional lunches together as a team – pizza is one of our favourites. Our benefits and pension plans are above average, as is our vacation entitlement. We also offer professional development and a health and wellness subsidy for all of our employees.

We thank everyone who applies for their interest in FNESC. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications, we are only able to respond to those applicants who are selected for an interview. We cannot respond to telephone or email inquiries.

Please send your resume and cover letter to jobs@fnesc.ca.