

Title: Language Mentor

Summary: The mentor supports the LINC (Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada) instructors by providing academic guidance to LINC students. He/she will **1)** help students measurably improve their listening, reading, speaking and writing skills in English; **2)** stimulate, motivate and encourage students to actively participate, be challenged, and enjoy learning; and

Activities:

Provide support to LINC students in the areas of:

- Literacy
- Phonics
- Pronunciation
- Conversation
- Grammar

Provide assistance to students individually and in small groups

Answer questions about Canadian culture and the local community

Provide social support and expand the students' network of contacts

Qualifications & Skill Requirements:

Teaching and/or tutoring experience an asset

Experience working with LINC learners a plus

Advanced written and spoken English

Cross-cultural experience or a personal commitment to learning about other cultures

A good listener, patient, supportive and empathetic to newcomers

Able to collect attendance and carry out duties independently

Understanding of confidentiality and data protection

Another language besides English is an asset

A criminal record check, Photo ID, a minimum of two references and participation in a volunteer training session are required

Schedule, Commitment & Location:

1 to 1.5 hours/shift, at least 1 shift/week

During LINC class times

Position will be located at Penticton office

Supervision and support provided by the assigned LINC instructor.

Discontinuing Services:

A mentor wishing to withdraw/discontinue volunteering is requested to provide advance notice of his/her departure and a reason for their decision to the Volunteer Coordinator. Reasons to withdraw/discontinue volunteering will be kept confidential.

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