

LUTHER COURT SOCIETY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

REGISTERED DIETITIAN CONSULTANT

ROLE DESCRIPTION: 0.2 FTE

FOCUS OF THE DIETITIAN ROLE is to provide community-based nutritional services to clients with high nutritional risk, referred by the Luther Court Primary Health Care team, by offering consultation and education to clients, caregivers, and staff on nutritional therapies, for the purpose of improving health and quality of life. The Dietitian (RD) reports to the Director of Primary Health Care and Community.

ORGANIZATION SUMMARY:

Luther Court Society is a charitable, not-for-profit, community-based organization with a history of service excellence. With a collaborative interdisciplinary model, Luther Court provides and advocates for a wide range of care, housing, and programs to meet the wellbeing needs of the local community, including primary health care and wellness, long term care, assisted living, independent affordable housing, and home support. Luther Court continues to aspire to promote a sense of belonging and equity within a caring community where everyone has a place at the table.

ROLE SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Mission, and Values, and strategic direction of Luther Court Society, client and staff safety are a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the commitment to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position. (The term 'client' is used here to reflect resident/tenant/patient/client/family).

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Client Care

- Assesses clients' nutritional status, and develops, implements, and monitors care plans, including maintaining patient records for legal and data purposes
- Designs, compounds and dispenses therapeutic diets where nutrition is administered through enteral means
- Assesses clients' self-care abilities, caregiver support, and home or living environment to address the nutritional needs of clients in a variety of settings.

2. Client and Community Education

- Plans, organizes, implements, and evaluates nutrition education for clients, families, and caregivers; Providing nutritional counselling to clients on an individual and/or group basis, as required
- Develops, implements, and evaluates nutrition practice tools, such as patient education materials, dysphagia screening, and nutrition therapy algorithms
- Helps to coordinate services with client, family, and other agencies and caregivers; and participates in care conferences where indicated.

3. Team Collaboration and Quality Improvement

- Provides consultation and/or educational sessions to the PHC team on clinical nutrition concerns and treatment responses, and assists with developing resource materials that enhance client /caregiver knowledge
- Promotes collaboration and partnerships within the context of an interdisciplinary team, client equity issues, organizational integration, primary care networking, and community diversity
- Assists the team in identifying needs of defined target populations, and participates in development of quality assurance best practice standards and measures.

4. Liaison and Coordination

- Advocates on behalf of clients with other agencies (e.g. DVA, Social Services and Housing), and refers to community agencies and outpatient therapy services when appropriate
- Maintains contact with related groups, agencies, and professionals (including therapists) in the community and facilitates partnerships for best care practices
- Contributes to community networking to foster collaborative PHC in the community; and advance the Luther Court Community Health Centre vision and strategic plan.

QUALIFICATIONS

Requirements: Graduation from a recognized university program in Nutrition and Dietetics and Dietetic Internship accredited by Dietitians of Canada.

Registration with the College of Dietitians of British Columbia required. Eligible for membership with the Dietitians of Canada (DC).

Experience: Minimum of two years of clinical nutrition experience. Community experience preferred. Evidence of ongoing professional development.