Ecumenical (Bi Cultural) Hospital Chaplain

Gisborne Hospital, Tairawhiti DHB

Due to the transfer of the resident Ecumenical Chaplain in August 2014 at Gisborne Hospital, applications are being sought from experienced chaplains and other suitably qualified ordained clergy for this full – time, sole charge Hospital Chaplaincy position. The position is being offered on the basis of a 2 year term initially.

Applicants should have a degree or equivalent qualification in theology or ministry and an ability to speak and lead worship in English and Te Reo Maori as 60% of the patient admissions are Maori. Experience in working ecumenically in hospital chaplaincy, parish ministry or other relevant ministry positions is also required as well as ideally having completed a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education course.

The Chaplain must have the ability to provide spiritual, emotional and pastoral health care to people with a range of health needs and from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, and be able to participate in a multi-disciplinary health care team, consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Chaplain must also be able to lead, train and supervise a team of part-time voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants providing Christian ministry, spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to patients, their families and staff in the Gisborne Hospital.

An appointee who is not already an accredited healthcare chaplain will be required to work towards obtaining accreditation. Chaplains are now required to work towards and become accredited within 5 years of appointment.

Some assistance with relocation expenses can be made.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is 12 December 2014.

An information pack is available from:

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