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## websites of interest

Association franco-yukonnaise: [www.afy.yk.ca](http://www.afy.yk.ca)  
City of Whitehorse: [www.city.whitehorse.yk.ca](http://www.city.whitehorse.yk.ca)  
Government of Yukon: [www.gov.yk.ca](http://www.gov.yk.ca)  
Government of Yukon Employment Opportunities: [www.employment.gov.yk.ca](http://www.employment.gov.yk.ca)  
Tourism Yukon: [www.travel yukon.com](http://www.travel yukon.com)  
Whitehorse General Hospital: [www.whitehorsehospital.ca](http://www.whitehorsehospital.ca)  
Whitehorse General Hospital Employment Opportunities:  
[www.whitehorsehospital.ca/careerWithUs/ENindex.html](http://www.whitehorsehospital.ca/careerWithUs/ENindex.html)  
Yukon Bureau of Statistics: [www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats](http://www.eco.gov.yk.ca/stats)  
Yukon communities: [www.yukoncommunities.yk.ca/communities](http://www.yukoncommunities.yk.ca/communities)  
Yukon Department of Education: [www.education.gov.yk.ca](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca)  
Yukon Health and Social Services: [www.hss.gov.yk.ca](http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca)  
Yukon Registered Nurses Association: [www.yrna.ca/](http://www.yrna.ca/)

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**Yukon**  
Health and Social Services

continuing care  
YOUR HEALTH CARE CAREER in YUKON



# why choose continuing care?

## We offer:

- full-time employment with excellent benefits
- state-of-the-art care facilities and equipment
- integrated electronic health records
- good client to staff ratios and case loads
- commitment to professional development
- good promotional opportunities
- innovative programming
- ongoing quality improvement and best practice initiatives

## We welcome new graduates!

## Are you...

- dedicated to individualized care?
- committed to the development of your leadership skills?
- interested in working in transdisciplinary teams?

We are a community that respects and promotes dignity, individual freedom, choice and lifestyle, and meaningful, quality living. We continually strive to create a feeling of home and belonging for all who live here, by being responsive to the uniqueness of each resident.

## Then join our continuing care team!

Our programs employ registered nurses, social workers, recreation therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech/language pathologists, licensed practical nurses, nursing home attendants, home support workers, and dieticians.



## OUR PROGRAMS

We provide a wide range of community, outreach and facility-based services to support our clients/residents.

## home care

The Yukon Home Care Program provides long-term, acute, palliative and respite care to Yukoners of all ages. Services are based on an individual's assessed need and the amount of family and community support available to them.

### SERVICES IN WHITEHORSE

**Social Workers** meet with people referred to the program and assist with identifying client needs and supports. They provide advocacy, counselling and support in accessing community resources.

**Home Support Workers** provide assistance to people needing help with activities of daily living. They provide personal care, homemaking and respite services. These services include assistance with bathing, grooming, light housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping and meal preparation.

**Occupational Therapists** assist individuals to do the things important to them in day-to-day living. This may range from getting dressed to pursuing a hobby. They may also recommend personal aids or home modifications.

**Physiotherapists** provide therapy services to people with physical problems in order to promote mobility, independence and physical fitness.

**Registered Nurses** provide assessments and treatments, teach clinical techniques to support self-care, consult with the medical community, and refer clients to other health providers. Examples of care provided are palliative care, wound care and ostomy care.

### SERVICES AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF WHITEHORSE

The Yukon Home Care Program has home support workers who provide personal care, homemaking and respite services to communities outside of Whitehorse. An exception is Dawson City, where home care is provided through McDonald Lodge.

Additional services are provided through the Regional Services Office, the Community Health Centres and Regional Therapy Services.

## regional therapy services

While Continuing Care's occupational and physical therapists are based in Whitehorse, they travel to the communities outside of Whitehorse to see clients who are referred for assessment, treatment and recommendations. Therapists visit the communities one to four times a year, depending on the size and needs of the community.

When in the communities, therapists work with the nurses at the Community Health Centre, with home care nurses, home and community care staff in the local First Nation organizations, and regional social workers.

## palliative care

The Palliative Care Program provides consulting services, public and professional education, and training and support to volunteers in communities. The palliative care team, which includes a volunteer coordinator, registered nurse and social worker, provides clinical consultation on request.

## CONTINUING CARE FACILITIES

**Copper Ridge Place** is a 96-bed, state-of-the-art, extended care facility (includes a specialized dementia unit, complex care unit and youth/child care unit). It is located in a new subdivision of Whitehorse, in a quiet residential area.

**Macaulay Lodge** is a 45-bed intermediate care facility, which also supports a community day program and meals-on-wheels. It is located in the settled residential suburb of Riverdale, close to facilities such as grocery stores and dance schools.

**McDonald Lodge** is an 11-bed personal/intermediate care facility in Dawson City. It also supports meals-on-wheels and wheels-to-meals programs. A new lodge is scheduled for construction by 2010.