

Casual Recreation Therapist Adolescent Psychiatric Unit – Surrey Memorial Hospital

Posting Number:	73082
LOCATION:	Surrey Memorial Hospital
PROGRAM/SERVICE:	Mental Health and Substance Use Services
REPORTS TO:	Manager, Clinical Services
BARGAINING ASSOC:	Health Science Professionals Bargaining Association
CLASSIFICATION:	PARAMEDICAL GRID LEVEL 8 (\$27.18/hr to \$33.88/hr)

JOB SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Manager, Clinical Services and under the clinical direction of the Supervisor, Therapeutic Recreation or designate for professional practice issues, the Recreation Therapist assesses, plans, implements and monitors Recreation Therapy services to patients/residents which are designed to meet the individual needs and abilities of patients/ residents, in order to maintain and improve their level of social and leisure function. As a member of an interdisciplinary team the recreation therapist liaises with the appropriate program/team.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Provides input into the development of the recreation programs in the assigned areas. Implements and evaluates recreation therapy programs and determines program modification as necessary.
2. Conducts the assessment of each patient/resident's social and leisure abilities and in cooperation with other members of the interdisciplinary team plans, implements and evaluates the patient's/resident's daily plan of care. Educates patients/residents and families in aspects of recreation therapy treatment.
3. Participates in interdisciplinary team conferences and family conferences as necessary.
4. Collaborates with other team members regarding program related issues.
5. Plans and implements community outings for patients as appropriate including driving the van and preparing it by completing a vehicle safety check, as per established procedure, to ensure the vehicle is safe for use.
6. Provides input into the performance evaluation of clinical support staff.
7. Assists with the implementation of the staff education programs relating to Recreation Therapy and Rehab Services
8. Acts as a resource person to staff regarding Therapeutic Recreation needs for patients/residents.
9. Prepares food items with patients/residents. Portions out and serves food and beverages and assists patients/residents with eating refreshments at programs.
10. Makes recommendations regarding the purchase, general maintenance and repair of equipment and supplies.
11. Maintains residents' records, clinical outcome measures and statistical data in accordance with department, facility and professional standards
12. Participates in interdisciplinary, departmental and professional development to ensure awareness of current developments of evidence based therapeutic recreation practice
13. Provides instruction, supervision and evaluation of Recreation Therapy students as required
14. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in Recreation Therapy. Two (2) years recent related experience with mental health clients or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience. Eligibility for membership with the BC Therapeutic Recreation Association (BCTRA).
- Valid Class IV B.C. Driver's License.
- Successful completion of Foodsafe Course Level 1.

Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of adolescent developmental issues.
- Demonstrated ability to work with adolescents with mental health problems.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated ability to teach, consult and advise.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with others both within and outside the organization.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, organize and prioritize work in a continuously changing environment and take initiative to ensure effective and timely delivery of services.
- Demonstrated ability to deal with and promote change.
- Demonstrated ability to problem solve and effectively deal with conflict situations.
- Demonstrated ability to operate related equipment.
- Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.
- Basic computer literacy.