

Job Title: Recreation Therapist - Tertiary Mental Health & Addiction
Work Site: Sunshine Coast Mental Health
Status: **Permanent Part-Time (0.8 FTE)**
Start Date: **DEC 2012**
Salary: \$25.23 - \$31.44 per hour
Hours: 0830-1630 variable / Occasional weekends and evenings may be required.
Reference#: 044068

JOB SUMMARY:

RECOVERY, STRENGTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE Vancouver Coastal Health Mental Health and Addictions Services is committed to collaborating with consumers and families to build on strengths, talents and interests in order to foster a community of hope, growth and self-determination.

Within the context of a client and family-centred Recovery model and in accordance with established vision and values of the organization, the Recreation Therapist works as a member of an interdisciplinary tertiary mental health team to provide therapeutic recreation/leisure interventions to individuals with severe and persistent mental illnesses.

Assesses client's recreation and leisure needs, abilities and interests, maintains a variety of records, plans and implements therapeutic recreation care plans, provides counselling, education and guidance services to the client and their family, evaluates the effectiveness of the intervention, and communicates with the client/family and interdisciplinary mental health team.

Develops and enhances community communications/relationships and promotes recreation therapy services. Prepares and maintains client records according to established standards, participates in team meeting, engages in team planning and quality improvement activities, and maintains and updates own knowledge.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education & Experience

Diploma in Therapeutic Recreation or Leisure Studies from an accredited university.
Two (2) years' experience working in a psychiatric setting with individuals who have complex mental health and addictions issues.
Eligible for membership in the British Columbia Therapeutic Recreation Association.
Valid BC Drivers License. Local area travel may require the use of a personal vehicle

Knowledge & Abilities

Knowledge of the principles of recovery in mental illness.
Knowledge of Psychosocial Rehabilitation methodology.
Knowledge of the Mental Health Act as it applies to the rights and obligations of clients and staff.
Knowledge of community, social and mental health resources.
Ability to identify emotional, social, or environmental barriers and intervene to eliminate stigma .

Ability to effectively manage conflict situations and aggressive behaviour and use non-violent crisis intervention and behavioural management techniques.

Ability to work both independently and collaboratively as a member of an interdisciplinary team.

Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing with clients, families, team members, other groups and community agency personnel.

Demonstrated ability to teach, demonstrate and coach clients and co-workers both one-on-one and in groups.

Demonstrated ability to teach and empower clients to assume control over their health. Demonstrated listening and information seeking skills that promotes communication and lead to a co-operative approach to problem solving within an interdisciplinary setting.

Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaboratively as a member of an interdisciplinary team.

Demonstrated ability to problem solve.

Demonstrated ability to adjust to new or unexpected events.

Demonstrated ability to provide effective consultation.

Demonstrated ability to establish workload priorities in collaboration with others in a complex health care environment.

Demonstrated ability to recognize when referral to another health care professional is required.

Physical ability to perform the duties of the position.

Skilled in the use of equipment, and in the techniques appropriate for treatment.

Basic understanding of trauma-informed care

Basic computer literacy to operate a computerized client care information system and word processing, spreadsheet, Internet and e-mail software.

Start date will be on or about later 2012 or early 2013.

Only short-listed applicants will be contacted for this posting.

Please note that recruitment and initial staffing for this worksite will be as per the applicable Riverview Transfer MOA re Riverview Redevelopment Locations (RRL) and the applicable Provincial Collective Agreement. As such Riverview employees will have Priority access to this vacancy.