

Code: 5246

Title: THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITY SPECIALIST

SUMMARY: Conducts individual and group therapeutic activities.

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES: (Work assignments may vary depending on the department's needs and will be communicated to the applicant or incumbent by the supervisor)

Organizes and conducts individual and group therapeutic activities;
Transports clients within a facility to activities or uses a vehicle to transport clients to outside activities;
Ensures safety and security of facilities and program participants;
Conducts special interest meetings, classes, workshops, activities and events;
Observes client physical and behavioral status and participation in activities and relays this information to supervisor and other staff members;
Determines materials and supplies required for therapeutic activities, requests supplies as needed and returns supplies and materials to inventory upon completion of activity;
Keeps activity areas in a clean and orderly condition;
Utilizes an automated information system and performs routine office and clerical duties as required;
Operates various audio-visual equipment for clients;
Operates and performs operator level servicing of assigned vehicles;
May accompany clients to retail stores or make minor purchases for clients using client funds.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:

Knowledge of:

- therapeutic activities and equipment and the skills and abilities required for participation;
- therapeutic activity needs and characteristics of special populations;
- individual and group behavior;
- applicable county, state, and/or federal laws, rules and regulations.

Skill in:

- conducting various recreational activities to meet client needs;
- establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with others;
- communicating effectively, both orally and in writing;
- motivating interest in others to participate in therapeutic activities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Completion of two years of college level course work from an accredited college or university in therapeutic recreation or a closely related area such as special education, rehabilitation, recreation, psychology, or sociology and one year of therapeutic activity experience within an extended care facility, rehabilitation facility, or hospital.

(Additional relevant experience in recreation or a closely related field such as rehabilitation, special education, psychology, or sociology may substitute for the aforementioned education)

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Licenses and Certificates: Possession of a valid Class D Arizona driver's license may be required at time of appointment. CPR and First Aid certifications may be required within 6 months from date of appointment.

Physical/Sensory Requirements: This classification requires the ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds. Any additional physical and sensory abilities will be determined by position.

This class specification is intended to indicate the basic nature of positions allocated to the class and examples of typical duties that may be assigned. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.

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