

RECREATION SPECIALIST, CERTIFIED

Nature of Work: Under general supervision, at the advanced level, performs recreation planning and participation work at a state health or rehabilitation facility. Plans and gathers materials, and leads activities for patients or clients. Ensures that activities are in compliance with court orders, certification guidelines and/or facility policy. Work may involve irregular hours. The position has significant latitude for planning activities within budgetary and programmatic limitations. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

- Plans weekly and monthly activities to provide structural group or individual recreation for patients or clients.
- Instructs groups in team sports, arts and crafts, and group activities such as board games or aerobics.
- Oversees recreation room during leisure activities; instructs individuals in the safe use of equipment such as weights.
- Gathers and dispenses equipment, materials, and supplies.
- Performs safety inspections of recreational areas and equipment.
- Organizes staff or volunteers to ensure adequate supervision and support services for activities such as day camping and special occasion parties.
- Evaluates activity-related injuries; applies first aid knowledge and/or contacts medical staff.
- Documents patient or client participation and behavior; plans individual activities to encourage or reinforce patient or client behavior.
- Monitors equipment usage; orders repairs or recommends replacement of equipment.
- Purchases materials used for activities.
- May drive buses or vans; may teach swimming, gardening, music, or other specialty area.
- May care for pets used in pet therapy.
- May attend staffings and treatment meetings; may conduct intake interviews with individuals arriving at the facility.
- May supervise interns, part-time and student staff.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of a variety of games, sports, and leisure time activities.
- Knowledge of basic first aid and general safety.
- Knowledge of sports equipment, its uses and benefits.
- Ability to plan activities and determine necessary equipment and supplies.
- Ability to encourage and motivate patients, clients, and volunteers.

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)

Ability to follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Certification as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist through the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation.

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