



UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

JD4830

JOB TITLE:	Recreation Therapist - Bachelors	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	4830
CLASSIFICATION:	Recreation Therapist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-E-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	39801
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	39801
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Continuing Health Services; Mental Health & Substance Use; Long-Term Care; Restorative Health; General Medicine	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Coordinator or Manager		
FACILITY/SITE:	Aberdeen Hospital; Cowichan Lodge; Cumberland Health Centre; Dufferin Place; Glengarry Hospital; Gorge Road Hospital; The Prioory Hospital; Royal Jubilee Hospital; Saanich Peninsula Hospital; The Summit at Quadra Village; Victoria General Hospital; Nanaimo Regional General Hospital		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health) patient and staff safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reports to the Manager or designate, assesses, develops and implements individual and group treatment programs to ensure optimum patient/resident care for assigned caseload. Coordinates patient and resident treatment programs with referring physician(s) and other medical professionals. Transports patients and residents between the hospital and other locations by operating a hospital van as required.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Screens all referrals for appropriateness of treatment. Assesses patients/residents within caseload; identifies problems/needs; plans, develops and implements individual and group treatment programs.
2. Maintains liaison with referring physician(s) and other medical professionals regarding patients'/residents' treatment; coordinates treatment programs with other departments and services.
3. Documents patient/resident care activities on health care record according to established guidelines. Provides input into the multidisciplinary patient care plan and discharge plan.
4. Assigns duties to and oversees designated treatment activities of the Recreation Assistants/Activity Assistants/Rehabilitation Assistants. Provides orientation and direction to volunteers.
5. Records and/or reports patient/resident treatment progress to appropriate medical professionals and outside agencies as required.
6. Attends and participates in appropriate multidisciplinary conferences, discharge planning conferences, medical rounds, service and department meetings.
7. Assists in developing and evaluating treatment programs for the service as assigned.
8. Participates in staff orientation and education programs as appropriate.
9. Transports patients/residents between hospital and other locations by operating a wheelchair access transport van or passenger van as required.

10. Participates in department Quality Assurance and Improvement activities as directed.

11. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation plus one year of recent related experience. Eligible for membership with the British Columbia Therapeutic Recreation Association. Valid Class 4 vehicle licence.

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Demonstrated planning and instructional skills.
- Ability to organize individual patient/resident treatment programs.
- Ability to work cooperatively with other professional disciplines as part of a team.
- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.
- Demonstrated ability to safely drive a passenger van and a wheelchair access transport van.