Recreation Therapist - Degree

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Type: Permanent Full Time
City/Town: Saskatoon
Facility: Saskatoon City Hospital
Department: GEM/Connected Community Care
Expected Start Date: November 26, 2018
FTE: 1.0
Shift Information: Days, Evenings, Nights, Weekends
Hours of Work: In a 3 week rotation: 14 shifts of 8.00 hours
Salary or Pay Band: $34.536 to $42.229 (5 step range)
Number of Positions: 1

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Note to Internal applicants. To ensure your application is received and you are included in the applicant list, please submit your resume and cover letter via Gateway Online or (former RQHR only) Health Careers in Saskatchewan.

By submitting your application, you consent to your application history being shared with Human Resources and the applicable hiring managers.

Job Summary:
As a member of both the Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) team, and the Connected Community Care team, the Degree Recreation Therapist is an integral member of the interdisciplinary team providing support to community members with complex health needs. Services will be a mix of planned appointments, community outreach, and inpatient support for individuals on the Convalescent Unit (CU) at Saskatoon City Hospital. Services will be provided in a variety of settings that may include a community health centre, personal dwellings, seniors’ high rises, personal care homes, enriched housing, hospital, etc. Accountable to the Manager of GEM, and working closely with the Connected Community Care Manager/Physician Dyad, the Recreation Therapist utilizes a strengths approach to practice with a focus on enhancing life-long leisure skills and attitudes, eliminating barriers to leisure and optimizing leisure participation for clients with chronic illness or disabling conditions. The clinical role includes assessment, intervention planning, utilization of evidence informed interventions, evaluation and documentation of Recreation Therapy services to those patients currently on CU, or eligible for services from the Connected Community Care team. The GEM and Connected Community Care Recreation Therapist is responsible for assessing and treating patients in assigned service areas, maintaining accurate patient documentation and statistical data, and participating in program planning required. In-service presentations to other staff and external agencies as required.

Experience:
Requires recent experience in performing the therapeutic recreation process which includes assessment, planning, implementation and evaluation. Relevant experience in Rehabilitation.

Qualifications:

Required Qualifications
- CPR certification
- Must possess a valid driver's license and vehicle
- Registered with or eligible for registration with the Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association and Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals
- Requires a Bachelor’s Degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies, Major Therapeutic Recreation, Bachelor's Degree in Sport and Recreation, Major Therapeutic Recreation, Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation

Knowledge, Skills & Abilities
- Ability to collect, record and report comprehensive client information accurately in verbal, written and electronic formats in accordance with professional standards and guidelines
- Ability to competently use computers and software applications as required by the position
- Ability to establish and maintain collaborative relationships with clients, families, inter-professional teams and community service providers in the development and delivery of safe and effective Recreation Therapy services
- Adheres to policy, procedures and standards of conduct at all times
- Current knowledge of community leisure service delivery system, disability resources and techniques for adaptation to equipment and activities
- Demonstrated ability to apply a systematic approach to solving problems, effectively resolving conflict and adapting to changing conditions
- Demonstrated ability to research and analyze Recreation Therapy theories and practices to enhance professional efficacy and contribute to the development of the profession
- Demonstrated ability to use a variety of interventions/programs to improve physical, cognitive, social, emotional and behavioral abilities and independence in life activities and leisure functioning
- Demonstrated commitment to continuing professional development
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- Demonstrated leadership and facilitation skills to maximize therapeutic benefit
- Must be able to work collaboratively with other health care providers.
- Must be able to work independently, be highly motivated, highly organized, have excellent time management skills and be able to prioritize work responsibilities
- Possess knowledge and understanding of work with marginalized populations and an understanding and sensitivity to aboriginal and cross-cultural issues
- Requires coping skills to work with residents/patients dealing with stress, role loss and other psychosocial issues
- Requires initiative and sound judgement to plan, implement, evaluate and modify the treatment plan to meet the needs of individual clients
- Strong personal and professional commitment to health promotion and the ability to teach and empower clients to take responsibility for their own health
- Well versed in medical terminology and familiarity with the Health Information Privacy Act

**Other Information**

- Preference for this position will be given to HSAS members in accordance with the terms and conditions of the SAHO/HSAS Collective Agreement. HSAS seniority within the Saskatchewan Health Authority will be considered under the Selection Criteria.