

Advice of Position Vacancy

Date:	April 18, 2024
Position title:	Recreation Therapist – Day Health Program
Posting number:	2024-23
Status:	Casual
Hourly wage rate:	\$37.89 - \$47.31
Closing date:	Position remains open until filled. Please send your resume and cover letter to humanresources@drpeter.org

The Dr. Peter AIDS Foundation provides compassionate HIV care for people living with significant health and social issues including mental illness, trauma, substance use, unstable housing and poverty.

Through its day health, 24-hour care residence and enhanced supportive housing programs, the Dr. Peter Centre provides healthy meals, counselling, therapies, nursing, and a safe place for peer socialization and support. This integrated model of care successfully engages individuals in their health care, improving adherence to HIV treatment and overall health.

We are currently looking for a Recreation Therapist to join our multidisciplinary team on a casual basis.

Position Summary

Within the context of a client-centered care model, in accordance with established standards of professional practice, and the vision and values of the organization, the Recreation Therapist works in a team-based environment and provides therapeutic recreation interventions with specific clients and/or client groups.

Under the supervision of the Day Health Program Manager, the Recreation Therapist, as a member of an integrated, collaborative health care team, assesses client’s recreation/leisure needs, abilities and interests, maintains a variety of records, plans and implements therapeutic recreation care plans, evaluates the effectiveness of interventions, and communicates with the client/family and other health care team members.

To ensure the optimum use of resources, the Recreation Therapist contributes to the organization and delivery of therapeutic recreation services, and participates in designated quality assurance initiatives, meetings, research and education.

Key Responsibilities

The Recreation Therapist is responsible for:

- Assessing the client’s recreation/leisure needs, abilities and interests utilizing an evidence-based approach within a specified time frame;

- Developing and applying evidence-based therapeutic recreation intervention/program plans with goals and objectives based on the assessment findings and facilitates client involvement in goal-directed functional skill development, leisure education, and/or general recreation participation;
- Discussing plans with the interdisciplinary team, including client/family/caregivers, and evaluating intervention plans to achieve optimal health outcomes;
- Providing case management and/or is the program primary contact for assigned clients;
- Participating in developing integrated care plans, which include transition and discharge planning;
- Facilitating community access which may include accompanying/ transporting clients to recreation activities and performing assigned care tasks as needed according to established policies and protocols;
- Ensuring clinical accountability by documenting client progress using a standardized system of recording to produce legal and confidential records of care;
- Identifying the need and submitting requests for volunteers and assisting with their orientation and supervision;
- Providing guidance, leadership, and/or supervision to Therapeutic Recreation students; and
- Participating in continuous quality improvement activities as required, by collecting data, monitoring variances to expected outcomes, and making recommendations for change based on documented results.

Education, Qualifications and Experience

The preferred education, qualifications and experience of the Recreation Therapist are:

- Bachelor's degree or Diploma in Therapeutic Recreation or equivalent and current experience in Therapeutic Recreation settings;
- Valid class 4 BC driver's license (asset);
- Fitness Certificate (asset);
- Understanding of challenges experienced by individuals living with HIV and significant health and social issues, including homelessness, mental illness, trauma, substance use, poverty and social isolation;
- Skills in conflict resolution, behavior management and restorative justice;
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with the team;
- Strong oral and written communication skills; and
- Current CPR/ AED certification – level C.

General Working Conditions

This is a casual position with an hourly pay rate range of \$37.89 - \$47.31. This position requires flexibility and the ability to prioritize workload, and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment where demands and deadlines may change with short notice. Multitasking and flexibility are a must in order to meet deadlines, and to support many operational functions/activities that may occur concurrently or

without notice. An understanding of the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of sensitive employee/client information is necessary.

If you have suitable qualifications and experience for this position, please send your resume to humanresources@drpeter.org.

COVID-19 Restrictions:

- Proof of full vaccination status against COVID-19 in British Columbia required.

Note: We thank all interested applicants. Regretfully, we are not able to respond to phone calls or emails, and we are able to respond only to those applicants who are being considered for an interview.