

Specification for Class of

RECREATION THERAPIST

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Definition: Assesses, plans, develops, implements, and modifies therapeutic recreation services as referred by a physician. Serves as a member of the interdisciplinary team.

Typical Work

Assesses patients; plans, organizes and implements therapeutic recreation plan of care to meet individual patient needs;

Documents and evaluates the results of the individual patient plan;

Organizes and leads therapeutic recreational activities both in and outside the hospital environment;

Implements intervention techniques to bring about specific behavioral change or improvement in patients;

Confers with the interdisciplinary team, individual patients, and family members to develop patients' therapeutic recreational plan;

Participates in the Rehabilitation Quality Management activities to ensure effectiveness of programs;

Develops and maintains contact with appropriate community resources;

Facilitates improvement of social, cognitive, emotional and physical functional abilities;

Maintains statistical information and documentation related to patient care;

Adheres to the mission, scope and standards of practices identified for recreation therapy;

Directs therapeutic recreation volunteers and instructs students within assigned area;

Assists in securing resources and equipment for assigned area;

Performs other duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications

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A Bachelor's degree and certification as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist.

AND

Two years of paid professional recreation experience including one year of professional experience and/or training with psychiatrically disabled clients in a hospital setting with psychiatric rehabilitation programming.

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