RECREATION THERAPIST – MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS – VICTORIA BC

Homewood Health™ Canada’s leader in mental health and addiction services is opening a unique in-patient treatment facility in 2019, located on the Saanich Peninsula, just outside of Victoria, British Columbia. This is a great opportunity for skilled health care professionals to be involved in a medically-focused, physician-led treatment facility that draws on over 130 years of experience in the field of both mental health and addiction disorders.

We are now accepting applications for the role of full-time Recreation Therapist. The successful candidate will work best in a dynamic, team-oriented environment. The successful candidate will be willing to adapt throughout the developmental stages of this new start-up facility. This means, we need your creativity, flexibility, collaboration and passion to help develop and deliver high quality, client-centered care.

What the job entails:

The Recreation Therapist is responsible for assessing, identifying and providing therapeutic interventions concerning behavioural patterns that inhibit the development and expression of a healthy leisure lifestyle. Services are provided within a team model, using a client-centered approach. Interventions may include facilitating groups and individual interventions.

The successful candidate will work under the supervision of the Clinical Director, and will be responsible for the following duties:

- Conducts ongoing assessment of the patient, considering: group readiness and participation with respect to mood, social interaction, functional level, attitude, suicide risk, and behaviours affecting the recovery process.
- Administers, selects, and interprets Recreation Therapy assessments to determine leisure functioning, leisure needs/problems, utilizing standardized assessment tools and group process, 1:1 interviews, and observation skills.
- Effectively communicates and documents results of the assessment to the patient, family and team, according to program/discipline standards.
- Assumes a therapeutic role in the motivation, counselling, supervision and instruction of patients in treatment interventions.
- Plans and leads recreational therapy, and leisure-therapy activities in a group and individual format.
- Coordinates our express therapies program which include; Art Therapy, Music Therapy, Horticultural Therapy and Poetry Therapy.
- Facilitates and co-facilitates psycho-educational, experiential and process groups.
- Provides the opportunity for leisure skill development in a safe context to experience new behaviours.
- Provides individual counselling following Recreation Therapy assessment pertaining to findings and specific needs.
- Documents treatment and ongoing progress on patient, according to Recreation Therapy, Program and organizational standards.
- Supports individual skill development relating to community leisure resources, which promote integration.
- Develop, implement and evaluate programs based on patient needs.
Hours of Work: 37.5 hours/ week

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree; Therapeutic Recreation, Graduate Certificate in Therapeutic Recreation or Recreation Therapy Diploma
- Experience working with mental health and addictions populations
- Registration with BCTRA OR Certification with the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (CTRS)
- Knowledge of standardized and non-standardized assessments.
- Assessment of group dynamic and facilitation skills for group therapy.
- Service-specific training is an asset i.e., wellness education, knowledge of issues of childhood trauma and sexual abuse, Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Recovery, CBT, CPR, Mental Health Act, PHIPA, knowledge of concurrent addiction disorders for specific addiction assessment tools.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Excellent presentation skills.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Windows, Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint).
- Current First Aid and CPR.

Why Work For Us

We are driven by our values and we are passionate about improving lives. We offer a competitive salary and a comprehensive benefits package. Our remarkable organizational culture also makes for an exceptional workplace environment. Join us and work along-side highly motivated people who are collaborative and focused on delivering seamless services and programs to our clients and customers.