



Recreation Therapist - Specialist CTRS

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA)

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Closing Date:

Salary: \$43,888.00 Annually

Description:

Job Purpose:

- Plans, develops, monitors and coordinates programs of all types including weekly programs, clubs, special events, Leisure Education, camps, trips/overnights, Lightning Athletics and cooperative programs.
- Prepare and implement behavior management strategies when necessary, to ensure safe involvement in recreation programs by people with disabilities.
- Provide assistance and instruction to the participants when needed.

Summary of Duties:

- Working with the Manager of Special Recreation, demonstrate the ability to assess, plan, develop, implement and evaluate activity programs for recreation, leisure and therapeutic recreation programs.
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities including confidence, maturity, flexibility and professionalism.
- Demonstrate knowledge of disabling conditions and experience to show adaptability in working with people with special needs.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to effectively communicate with employees of all levels, volunteers, parents & guardians, participants, park districts and school district personnel as well as members of the community.
- Ability to work independently, when necessary, to solve simple to complex problems, demonstrate dependability, promptness & punctuality and convey a positive attitude to others.

Qualifications:

- Graduate of an accredited college or university with BA/BS degree in Therapeutic Recreation or related field of study.
- Current National Council on Therapeutic Recreation Certification (CTRC) or C the ability to become certified within 6 months of being hired.
- Have a valid Illinois Driver's License and have the ability to attain an Illinois Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

Benefits we offer:

- Medical Coverage
- Dental Coverage
- Vision Coverage
- Group Life Insurance
- AFLAC Indemnity Plans
- IMRF Pension Plan
- Mission Square Retirement 457b Plan
- Paid Holidays
- Vacation Days
- Sick Days
- Personal Days
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)