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Position: Art Therapist

Site: PRINCESS MARGARET CANCER CENTRE

Department: DEPARTMENT OF SUPPORTIVE CARE

Reports to: Manager, Department of Supportive Care

Hours: 37.5 HOURS PER WEEK

Status: Temporary Full-Time, 12 month contract

University Health Network (UHN) is looking for an experienced professional to fill the key role of Art Therapist in our Supportive Care Department.

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Position Overview:

As an integral part of the Department of Supportive Care at the Princess Margaret and the Kensington Hospice, the Art Therapist will function as a resource to patients to assist in their healing through the expression of feelings in artistic form. The principal responsibilities include: utilizing extensive knowledge of art techniques (such as painting, drawing, etc.) to lead individual therapy sessions; maintaining and protecting patient confidentiality while providing a safe environment for the provision of art therapy; performing administrative responsibilities; performing cross-functional and other duties consistent with the job classification, as assigned or requested. The Art Therapist will split his/her time equally between the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre at 610 University Ave., and the Kensington Hospice at 38 Major St.

Qualifications:

- Completion of a recognized diploma program in Art Therapy, or recognized equivalent required
- Minimum one (1) year of experience as an Art Therapist

- Experience providing psychosocial therapy required
- Proven ability to work well in a team environment

Responsibilities:

- Contributes to evaluating patients' psychological, social and physical level of functioning in order to determine their needs and establish a care plan and art therapy objectives
- Selects appropriate mediums of visual expression and implements treatment strategies that are consistent with the therapeutic objectives established in the treatment plans
- Ensures that the necessary materials are on hand and orders more when necessary
- Regularly evaluates the effectiveness of treatment plans and adapts them according to the evolving needs and abilities of each patient
- Maintains a supportive relationship with patients by providing them with a secure and stable therapeutic space.
- Maintains supportive relationships and open channels of communication with patient's care team
- Collect data such as number and source of referrals, patient volumes, etc.

SKILLS:

- Excellent artistic abilities, creativity, imagination and enthusiasm
- Maturity, patience and a calm, respectful manner
- Ability to provide a trusting, open, kind-hearted atmosphere that encourages learning and participation
- A strong empathy with and commitment to helping people
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and listening skills
- A strong knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of psychotherapy and the role art can play in treatment

If you are interested in making your contribution at UHN, please apply on-line. You will be asked to copy and paste as well as attach your resume and covering letter. You will also be required to complete some initial screening questions.

Posted Date: October 19, 2018 Closing Date: Until Filled

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UHN thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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