Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice is an eight-bed, pediatric palliative care hospice on the grounds of the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) in Ottawa. We are currently looking for dynamic, innovative, and flexible professionals who are interested in working with our team to meet the needs of the children and families we serve.

**Position: Term Full-time Recreation Therapy Assistant**

**Term: 4 months**

**Start date: approximately April 29, 2024**

**Salary Range:** **$24.98 - $30.65** **per hour**

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| **TITLE:** | Recreation Therapy Assistant |
| **REPORTS TO:** | Manager, Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice and CHEO Palliative Care Service |
| Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice meets the unique palliative care needs of newborns, children, youth and their families. We lead by advancing clinical care and family support, and by learning through research and sharing knowledge. ***We enrich the quality of lives, no matter how short.*** | | | |

**SUMMARY:**

The ultimate goal of Therapeutic Recreation is to improve the quality of life and well-being in our children in an inclusive, non-judgmental environment. The Recreation Therapy program at Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice provides therapeutic activities that are social or individual in nature to encourage self-expression, socialization, dream fulfillment, meaning making and fun!

The role of a recreation assistant at Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice is to support children and families by assisting recreational therapists in devising and implementing therapeutic play activities.  The goal of the role is to support the Recreational Therapy team in meeting professional goals of creating therapeutic play activities that encourage normalization, stimulate socialization, with a focus on being inclusive in nature and improving children’s quality of life.

**CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

* Demonstrate values, attitudes and beliefs towards working with children that reflects the Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice Code of Conduct to Protect Children in our Care, including maintenance of professional boundaries
* Meet with Recreation Therapist to routinely to go over upcoming themes and activities to devise a plan for the day to best support children in house
* Support recreation therapists in program planning and implementation for larger therapeutic play activities (in-person and/or virtual):   
   - Support RT in brainstorming themes and activities    
   - Bring themes and activities to life with set-up and decorations   
   - Support children to play inclusively and participate in activities    
   - Aid in the take-down and clean-up of an activity
* Assist in conducting recreation programs and activities under the supervision of RT, including but not limited to Summer Day Camp program
* Establish therapeutic relationships with children
* Facilitate distraction activities with a small group of children
* Help with supply maintenance and inventory of crafts supplies, electronics and games
* Maintain and cleaning recreation equipment and facilities

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

* Recreation Therapy training (completed, in progress, or equivalent)          Essential
* CPR Level C Training Essential
* Competency in facilitating play, development observations, assessment

of group process   Essential

* Knowledge and experience in behaviour management Essential
* Minimum of 1 year experience working with children with special needs/

Complex medical needs  Essential

* Minimum of 1 year experience in a health care setting Essential
* Exceptional communication skills both written and verbal Essential
* Demonstrated ability to work in a multidisciplinary setting Essential
* Bilingualism Asset

***Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice is committed to providing a safe environment for children. All applicants are thoroughly screened using background checks and a review process***.

**Interested and qualified candidates are invited to complete the** [**job application form** **found on our website**](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.rogerneilsonchildrenshospice.ca%2Fcareers&data=05%7C02%7Csmarshall%40cheo.on.ca%7C044ea96e91b741cb2b6408dc58adc99c%7C219bf6057ee74841ae574e4147b8d97a%7C0%7C0%7C638482750637483077%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=55olmiUKFFWgL7mpMrwg%2BQa%2BHZ654a7Ym6VROu2U9D4%3D&reserved=0)**.**

**For any questions please contact Nahal Yazdani, Manager, Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice, at** [**info@RogerNeilsonChildrensHospice.ca**](mailto:info@RogerNeilsonChildrensHospice.ca)**.**

Should the applicant require any accommodations during the application process please notify the Manager of Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice as per the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice thanks all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates who meet the requirements for an interview will be contacted.

Posting Date: April 4, 2024

Closing Date: May 3, 2024