Child Life Specialist – 08001JL

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Description

POSITION SUMMARY:

Acting as an advocate for children and their families, the Child Life Specialist designs, implements and evaluates individual and group programs adhering to the Standards of Clinical Practice and the competencies of the Child Life Specialist as specified by the Child Life Council (CLC) and the job task and knowledge areas of the Therapeutic Recreation Specialist specified by
National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC), utilizing principles of Child Development, Psychology, Therapeutic Recreation and related disciplines in order to promote optimum development of children, adolescents and families, to maintain normal living patterns and to minimize psychological trauma. The Child Life Specialist provides opportunities for gaining a sense of: mastery, play, learning, self-esteem, self-expression, family involvement and peer interaction.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS or RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assess and interact with patients and families using theories of human growth and development, family systems and cultural background.
- Provide a therapeutic and safe environment for individuals and groups.
- Assist patients in coping with the stress of hospitalization, illness, death and/or loss.
- Participate in patient/family teaching.
- Function as a member of and integrate the child life program into the health care team.
- Represents and communicates child life and psychosocial issues of pediatric health care to others.
- Supervise child life students and volunteers.
- Evaluate child life services.
- Implement the child life program within the constraints/expectations of the organization.
- **40 hours per week. Primary hours of 9am-6pm with a possibility of on call every 5th weekend and coverage of special events on weekends.**

AGE OF PATIENT CARED FOR: 0-18 years old

Qualifications

- **Education:** Bachelors in one of the following: Child Life, Child Psychology, Child Development or Therapeutic Recreation with emphasis in Child Development
- **Education:** Must sit for Child Life Board exam during first year of employment
- **Experience:** 1-2 years in a hospital or ambulatory care setting
- **Experience:** Must have completed a Child Life Internship
- **Certification:** Must be certified or eligible to sit for certification as a Child Life Specialist (CCLS)
- **Certification:** Prefer certification as a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist as well (CTRS)
- **Certification:** Must maintain CPR certification
- **Skills:** Knowledge of the principles of growth and development and the ability to assess data and identify patients' age-specific requirements and provide age-appropriate care
- **Skills:** Knowledge of computers, children's computer games, starbright and other appropriate resources a plus

WORKING CONDITIONS AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

This position has physical requirements that require a full range of body motion including, but not limited to, physically assisting patients, requiring
stretching, bending, lifting, sitting, standing, walking, pushing and pulling, manual and finger dexterity and hand-eye coordination. Vision and hearing must be correctable to the normal range. Work may be performed in a medical office environment with potential exposure to communicable diseases and other conditions common to the clinic environment. A complete list of the physical requirements is available upon request.

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