

**ROGERSON HOUSE
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

POSITION: Art Therapist

SUPERVISOR: Program Director

LOCATION: Jamaica Plain, MA

STATUS: Non-Exempt, Full-time

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Art Therapist shall plan, implement and coordinate art therapy groups and individual sessions for participants within the Day Program and Assisted Living Communities. This position is responsible for producing a varied program that meets the physical, emotional and social needs of the dementia participants, enhance self-esteem, promote positive emotion, and contribute to their overall quality of life.

GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Sensitive to issues of aging, needs of the dementia participant and diverse populations.
- Ability to be flexible with work assignments, other departments and schedule changes
- Experience in working with geriatric population
- Ability to follow written and spoken English
- Ability to work as a team player, promoting good relations with other managers, co-workers, families and participants.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree in Art or Expressive Therapy and/or certification in Art or Expressive Therapy
- Preferably two years satisfactory employment as an art therapist in an elder or Alzheimer care facility
- Experience in leading art therapy programs for elders or memory impaired clients
- Ability to communicate clearly verbally and in writing

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop and submit to supervisor, in advance, ideas for imaginative and varied groups.
- Understand the approach and structure of Art Therapy for Alzheimer groups.
- Assist in orienting new participants to program structure.
- Provide information/notes on participants receiving Art Therapy for care plan meetings.
- Maintain an open line of communication to Coordinators and Program Director and all staff members.

- Observe and report any change in health or mental status of participants to the Program Director or nurse.
- Encourage, but not force, participation in Art Therapy groups.
- Follow through with scheduled 1:1 visits with those participants who don't attend groups.
- Report any supplies needed in advance for the successful planning of groups.
- Prepare in advance for all groups and begin groups at designated time.
- Maintain safety awareness with use and storage of art therapy supplies.
- Follow through on goals and objectives as established by the team.
- Maintain flexible structure to groups and have alternative plan if planned activity is not engaging participant's interests.
- Monitor safety and well-being of participants while in groups and seek assistance when necessary to assess safety and well-being.
- Do not have groups unattended to get supplies or when activity has ended.
- Attend orientation, in-services and staff meetings as assigned.
- Any and all employees will sometimes be required to work outside their regularly scheduled hours. Advance notice is not always possible but will be given when it is.
- Perform other duties as assigned or requested from time to time by supervisor or other managers.

To Apply:

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