

ACTIVITIES AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is personal services work of a routine nature which involves setting up, participating in and encouraging patients in a variety of recreational activities in a health care facility. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Recreational Therapist. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Participates with and encourages patients to participate in recreational activities;
Accompanies patients on off-site outings such as shopping, ballgames, picnics, etc.;
Encourages patient participation in group discussions and group interaction;
Transports patients to and from activities;
Sets up, decorates, helps serve and clean up for birthday or holiday parties;
Sets up necessary supplies and equipment for activities and puts back when not in use;
Maintains materials, supplies and equipment and keeps supply area in order;
Gathers data from patients for their monthly newspaper;
Keeps records of attendance at activities;
Reports on non-participation by patients.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of recreational activities and equipment, especially related to the elderly*; ability to secure the confidence and cooperation of patients; ability to understand and carry out simple oral and written directions; ability to keep records.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Qualifications determined by appointing authority.

*To be obtained during the probationary period.