Volunteer Description – Lifeguard (NL Certification Required)

Seeking work experience for your application to a health care or teaching career? Are you a lifeguard with your NLS who has a minimum of 1 year experience lifeguarding at a pool, summer camp, or waterfront facility? If you possess this credential and experience, then see below! Our clinic offers:

- Regular hands-on mentorship sessions with Occupational Therapists who have over 10 years of experience in pediatrics and neurological rehabilitation
- Team oriented environment with the opportunity to assist with groups for children and adults
- Opportunities to assist Therapists with kayaking sessions in Richmond, Port Moody, Vancouver, and the Fraser Valley

Description
Enable Occupational Therapy is a growing private practice that provides innovative and creative Occupational Therapy services primarily to children between 0-18 years of age. Our unique programs include basketball, kayaking, soccer, printing, swimming, anxiety reduction, and playground sessions. Our Occupational Therapists provide assessment, consultation, and treatment (1:1 and group settings) for children with a range of diagnoses including brain injuries, Autism, Down’s Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, and Developmental Delay, in collaboration with families and community partners.

We have an exciting opportunity for a volunteer (Certified NL Lifeguards) to conduct sessions alongside our fun and energetic multidisciplinary team (currently comprised of Occupational Therapists, Rehabilitation Assistants, Kinesiologists, Expressive Arts Therapists, and a friendly therapy dog) that provides family centered care. This rapidly growing clinic also provides rehabilitation services to adults with Parkinson’s Disease (exercise classes and anxiety reduction classes), in addition to adults with brain injuries, and teens with mental health diagnoses.

Under the direction of an Occupational Therapist, the volunteer will assist staff members in implementing treatment plans while kayaking (May – Sept) or in the pool setting (June – August).

Please note: the clientele may be non-verbal with their communication and utilize walkers and wheelchairs for mobility. Diagnoses include Anxiety, Autism, Developmental Delay and Cerebral Palsy, and brain injuries. *(References and a criminal record check will be required.)*

Candidates must possess a valid NLS Lifeguarding Certification
1. **Lifeguard Required Qualifications:**
   - Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard (NLS) certificate
   - Standard First Aid
   - Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (preferred) or YMCA Swim Instructor

The ideal candidate should be able to:
- Utilize email and respond to emails within 24 hours
- Adhere to deadlines effectively
- Keep client information (medical history) confidential
- Be able to deal effectively with children

**Hours:**

**May - June and/or September:** Weekday afternoons (after school times)/evenings, and/or weekends. (Training is required and will take place in early May)

**July – Aug:** Weekday daytimes (mornings and afternoons) and weekends (mornings and afternoons). Training is required and will take place on a weekday.

**Start date:** May 1st (There may be an opportunity to continue volunteering with the company October 1st onwards, if the candidate desires)

**Location**
- Sessions can be throughout Metro-Vancouver (Vancouver, Richmond, Port Moody) and the Fraser Valley. (The candidate may indicate a preference, in regards to geographical regions).
  - Valid B.C. Driver's License and access to a personal, reliable vehicle for travelling to work site may be needed

*To apply, please submit a CV to Gina Fernandez at gina@enableot.ca. Deadline for applications: April 3, 2022*