



CONTRACT JOB POSTING – Art Therapist

Creative Connections Visual Arts Program for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Care Partners

The Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network's Dementia Friendly Community Task Group, in partnership with the City of Maple Ridge, Parks, Recreation and Culture are piloting a community-based, interactive art-therapy program for people living with dementia and their care partners.

Role: Arts Program Coordinator

Nature of the Role: This is a temporary contract position from February 1 – June 5, 2022.

Reports to: Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network Coordinator

Supervises: Program volunteers and, potentially, practicum student(s)

Job Summary:

The Art Therapist will be responsible for planning, implementing, and evaluating a dementia-friendly visual arts program for a small group of people with dementia, living in the community.

The successful candidate will offer, two, six week sessions, one hour per week in the morning. (Feb.- March and April – May 2022). The position includes planning a community art show during the first week of June, 2022. At this time, scheduling is flexible to meet the availability of the right candidate.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Works with stakeholders (including persons living with dementia) to lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of a Visual Arts Program for Persons living with dementia and their (informal) care partners.
- Collaborates with stakeholders to establish goals and objectives of the program.
- Considers participants' physical, social, emotional, intellectual, cultural, and spiritual needs and interests in design of the program and activities.
- Instructs group and individuals on the use of materials and supports and collaborates with them as they realize their art projects.
- Designs, plans, prepares, and completes projects that will encourage personal choice and independence while meeting individual needs and interests.
- Maintains inventory of tools and materials; monitors expenditures and provides input to program budget

Education:

- Graduation from a recognized Art Therapy, Therapeutic Recreation, or Art Diploma program; related and equivalent combination of education, training and experience will be considered.

Experience:

- At least 1 year of experience in delivering arts programming (to older adults).
- Experience working with persons living with dementia, seniors, or vulnerable populations.

Skills:

- Excellent artistic abilities, creativity, imagination, and enthusiasm.
- Maturity, patience and a calm, respectful manner.
- Ability to provide a trusting, open, kindhearted atmosphere that encourages learning and participation.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Eagerness to learn more about dementia and person-centered program delivery.
- Ability to organize, plan, and implement a population-specific visual arts program.
- High level of interpersonal skills, including ability to work in teams, and with diverse stakeholder groups.
- Some planning and budgeting experience (i.e. will need to plan the purchase of art supplies).
- Demonstrated commitment to accessibility in learning and the arts.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with others.
- Commitment to respecting the privacy and confidentiality of participants and their lived and shared experiences.

COVID-19 Vaccination:

This position requires that you be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, subject to any accommodation obligations you may have under human rights legislation. Proof of vaccine passport will be required.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Heather Treleaven, Coordinator, Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network by email: seniorsnetworkmpk@gmail.com

For more information, call (604) 786-7404 or email: seniorsnetworkmpk@gmail.com

Closing Date: 12 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2022

We thank all who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.