

Volunteer Position Description

Position Title:	Behavioral Health - Senior Recreational Assistant
Position Type:	Patient Care Personnel
Facility:	Edg
Position Summary:	
The volunteer will assist in the recreational therapy program, helping to organize groups, visiting with patients individually and encouraging their increased independence. This position is designed to give students interested in the field of behavioral health an opportunity to earn critical observation skills.	
Qualifications:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have the social skills to interact with behavioral health patients• Maintain confidentiality• Need keyboard/typing skills• Must be able to stand for long periods and walk a great deal	
Duties & Responsibilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review the current caseload with the supervisor• Assist patients in assembling for groups and encourage patient participation• Involve patients in productive activity on unit outside of group• Discuss clinical observations with therapist• Assist patients with simple comfort request, e. g. getting a blanket for someone• Check with staff before offering food or drink• Relay other requests to appropriate staff• Other duties as assigned	
Key Accountabilities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follows directions as given• Maintains patient confidentiality• Is dependable about keeping weekly schedule and calling off when unable to come• Is able to give accurate observations of patient behavior	
Time Commitment:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The volunteer and supervisor will agree upon a schedule that meets the needs of the volunteer, supervisor and the program. Hours may be any day, except holidays, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm	
Uniform:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traditional volunteer polo shirt may be worn or clean casual street clothes. No T-shirts with printed logos or messages, nor sweats, blue denim or jogging suits may be worn. Bare shoulders, open-toed shoes and visible cleavage are also not permitted. Clean gym shoes are acceptable. The hospital badge must be worn at all times.	