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RECREATION THERAPIST

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 04
Maximum Pay Level: 05

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The Recreation Specialist may have thorough knowledge of the goals, principals, methods, and techniques of recreation therapy as well as being proficient in motivation of individuals and groups. The Recreation Therapist will be responsible for planning, supervising, administering, and providing recreation and leisure activities/programs designed to aid in the recovery or adjustment to an illness, or to a specific social problem. This individual will confer with psychologists, doctors, etc., to ensure that the most effective programs are being initiated.

LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. **04 Level** – This operation is responsible for the overall planning and operation of a therapeutic recreation program at the school or institutional level. Responsibilities include:

- Planning appropriate recreation and leisure activities.
- Oversees all activities and evaluates success.
- Responsible for day-to-day operation of the therapeutic recreation program.
- Gives instruction in games, sports and other activities.
- Maintains reports on clients/patients progress.
- Evaluates clients/patients needs and determines most appropriate recreational therapy.

B. **05 Level** – In addition to the responsibilities outlined at the Level 04, this position requires the incumbent to:

- Prepare appropriate budget for the therapeutic recreation program.
- Supervises at least two professional staff.
- Responsible for management of a facility, or part of a facility.

BASIC EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level	04	05
Education	BS/BA	MA
Experience (years)	0	2

A degree in Recreation Therapy or Recreation/Leisure Studies; 12 credit hours in counseling or 12 credit hours in supervision at the Master's level is desirable.

A BA/BS in Recreation Therapy or Recreation/Leisure Studies is required for the 04 Level.

A Master's Degree in Recreation Therapy or Recreation/Leisure Studies is required for the 05 Level. In addition, 12 credit hours in counseling or 12 credit hours in supervision is desirable.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read without strain printed material the size of typewritten characters are required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required, except some positions may be suitable for the blind or deaf. In most instances, an amputation of arm, hand, leg, or foot will not disqualify an applicant for appointment, although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicant must have mental and emotional stability.