



Health Career Directory

Activity Worker/Driver

Overview

Activity Workers work under the general supervision and collaborate with multi-disciplinary team members to carry out established activity programs.

Main roles and responsibilities:

Some of the main duties of an Activity Worker/Driver include:

- organizing activities
- taking clients/residents to and from excursions
- accompanying clients/residents on outings
- coordinating and transferring patients/clients
- demonstrating and teaching activity techniques
- assisting clients/residents with practicing daily living skills.

Who is suited to become an Activity Worker/Driver?

An Activity Worker/Driver is most effective when they have the following skills and characteristics:

- good observation skills to watch clients/residents progress and behaviour
- ability to organize equipment and supplies for activities
- safety conscious, and able to maintain a safe environment
- ability to organize and arrange workload in collaboration with others
- ability to work on their own, as well as part of a team
- patient, compassionate and kind
- physical ability to perform required duties
- a clean record, no prior criminal background
- valid Class 4 driver's license (unrestricted).

They should enjoy:

- working one-on-one with people
- working collaboratively with others in a team environment.

Who employs Activity Workers/Drivers?

Activity Workers are employed in:

- ambulatory/day clinics
- seniors programs
- home care/residential care programs

- primary care clinics
- addiction/mental health services, in both rural and urban settings
- one of the six health authorities/employers (in health care services).

Salary

Hourly salary - \$21.94

Training and education required to become an Activity Worker/Driver:

- Grade 12
- completion of recognized recreational courses
- relevant experience and training
- valid Class 4 driver's license (unrestricted).

Resources

Educational Programs

Douglas College

<http://www.douglas.bc.ca/programs/therapeutic-recreation/diploma.html>

Okanagan College

<http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/>

Financial assistance and bursaries:

For information about Canada student loans and grants, please visit:

http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/eng/learning/canada_student_loan/index.shtml