

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position: Practicum Student - Residential Support Worker,
Vancouver Apartments

Purpose: To support mentally challenged adults who have potentially been in conflict with the law, by teaching them skills that will enable them to make positive choices and function in the community as independently as possible. This is achieved by role modeling socially appropriate behavior, accompanying clients on outings in the community, introducing them to appropriate social activities, and providing them with information and access to recreational opportunities.

Time Commitment: The flexibility to work varying shifts is desirable in order to best accommodate the needs of the clients and the program. This will also afford the opportunity to learn the routine/differing demands of a 24hour-supervised community living home.

Working Relationship: Practicum Students are accountable to the Residence Manager, Vancouver Apartments.

Responsibilities: The Practicum Student will:

- Maintain strict confidentiality;
- Be agreeable to “special projects” (i.e. developing and implementing a life skills program or compiling a resource binder);
- Partake in case management meetings (i.e. staff, resident, care plans with MCFD, and team meetings at head office);
- Be responsible for regular daily tasks (i.e. life skills, menu planning, grocery shopping, supervising meal preparations, case notes);
- Interact and socialize with the clients in the residence;
- Teach them activities that involve crafts such as painting, woodwork, etc...;
- Take clients on individual outings in the community;

- Teach clients to access community resources (i.e. library and day programs);
- Acquire materials about community events for the clients (i.e. Cultural);
- Take clients swimming, hiking, and walking;
- Teach clients how to use public transportation.

Qualifications:

Practicum Students must:

- Understand and work in accordance with the Mission Statement and Core Values of JHSLM;
- Understand and work in accordance with the Vision Statement of Vancouver Apartments;
- Have a background in behavioral sciences, social work, criminology, psychology or a related field. As well, they must also understand the dynamics of the mental health field. Applicants need to believe in equal opportunity for persons with disabilities, while at the same time recognizing each person's limitations;
- Must undergo a criminal record check;
- Must have sufficient life experience to offer useful assistance to people who lack basic life skills;
- Be non-judgmental, assertive in setting boundaries, self-confident, patient, friendly, and empathetic;
- Show enthusiasm, initiative, dedication, reliability and a willingness to be self-directed independent workers;
- Possess computer skills.