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Internship**



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Internship Overview

The purpose of the recreation therapy internship is to provide qualified students with the clinical education experiences to develop entry-level practice competencies. Special emphasis will be placed on developing direct practice competencies, intervention skills, and knowledge about the specific population served.



The internship will prepare students to treat both adult and pediatric patients with the medical diagnoses commonly seen in the rehabilitative clinical setting including: stroke, spinal cord injury, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, cancer, cardiac conditions, neurological impairments, and orthopedic injuries.

During the internship students will be involved in treating patients in the following areas:

- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Inpatient rehabilitation
- Transplant services
- Burn center
- Geriatric acute care
- Labor and delivery

Interns will receive clinical supervision from one of our four therapeutic recreation specialists who hold current certifications by the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification.

The recreation therapy internship takes place in a hospital-based, team-centered environment. Interns will be involved in:



- Treatments that utilize physical activity to promote the individual's functional skills, i.e. fishing, leisure activities

- Teaching skills patients need to successfully live in their communities, including exploration of accessibility to buildings and return to past leisure and social activities, i.e. community re-entry outings
- Leisure education as a means to acquire skills and develop knowledge of new activities, i.e. group therapy
- Recreational activities that promote patient's mental and physical well-being and independence, such as weekly picnics and outdoor leisure activities
- Special events related to this specialty, i.e. National Rehab Week activities, Staff Relations Council, International Quad Rugby Tournament

Internship Criteria

Recreational therapy students must be enrolled in an accredited university's allied health program with current CPR/First Aid certification. Students must be flexible with schedules. Internship opportunities are available year round in 12-16 week blocks.

Internship Responsibilities

- Provide leadership of special events within the rehabilitation center
- Assist staff with daily leisure activities for all populations
- Monitor progress of all populations
- Participate in weekly team care conferences
- Complete assessments/documentation on all appropriate patients
- Participate in weekly community re-entry outings
- Behave in a professional manner, be prompt, and flexible with daily schedule

