

Description: Clinical Specialist

Clinical Specialist Job Purpose: Through knowledge based on their specialty area, the Clinical Specialist will work directly with participants to expose them to new skills, tools, and education that will enable them to lead happier, more meaningful and more independent lives.

Clinical Specialists will include: Physical Therapist(s), Occupational Therapist(s), Recreational Therapist(s), Rehabilitation Counselor(s) and Athletic Trainer(s). (For Nursing Clinical Specialist, see Job Description: Nursing Clinical Specialist).

Clinical Specialist Job Duties:

- Live in the dorms and supervise and assist the PCA staff in the mornings
- Occupational Therapists will organize and run the ADL Group, providing participants skills, tools, adaptive equipment and techniques to perform activities of daily living. Each Group will have a focus (ie Dressing, Bowel/Bladder program, advanced transfers, cooking, etc.) Occupational Therapists will also direct Residential Aides in the selfcare of all participants.
- Physical Therapists and Recreational Therapist will run the W/C mobility/recreational activities group, providing participants with the skills to properly propel their wheelchair, advance to pushing a manual wheelchair, perform advanced wheelchair skills and work on w/c propulsion endurance. This group will also expose participants to the wide variety of different sports and recreation that is available to the Spinal Cord Injury population.
- Athletic Trainer will organize and run the therapeutic exercise groups, providing participants with knowledge of the importance of exercise as well as provide different forms of exercise one with a spinal cord injury may partake in.
- Rehabilitation Counselor will organize and run the rehabilitation counseling groups, providing the participants with a confidential place to discuss the emotional effects of living with a spinal cord injury.
- All Clinical Specialists will assist other disciplines with their groups as to provide an interdisciplinary approach to each group as well as provide increased hands-on assistance to the participants.
- Assist Peer Mentors in organizing and giving education series and creative activities group.
- Assist in transportation and organization of all off campus outings.

Skills/Qualifications: Possess a license as a Clinical Professional and currently work on a rehabilitation team, has good knowledge of spinal cord injuries (to include side effects and risks associated with the diagnosis, general physiological knowledge), high energy and motivated to help others, able to create and maintain a safe environment, willing to work as a team and be flexible with one's schedule.

Description: Nursing Clinical Specialist

Nursing Clinical Specialists will include: Registered Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner

Job Duties:

- Be available and on call at all times throughout the program duration.
- Review each participant's medication list and past medical history upon participant arrival to the program.
- Assess any new participant symptoms, skin breakdown, or medication changes that arise throughout the program.
- Provide education specific to participant medical needs.
- Act as a resource for any medical questions or concerns that may arise.
- Accompany participants to the hospital as emergencies arise and advocate for participant specific SCI needs.
- Communicate new medical issues directly to program directors.
- Supervise Residential Aides with bowel and bladder care as needed.

Skills/Qualifications: Possess a license as a Nurse and currently work on a rehabilitation team, has good knowledge of spinal cord injuries (including side effects and risks associated with the diagnosis, general physiological knowledge), high energy and motivated to help others, able to create and maintain a safe environment, willing to work as a team and be flexible with one's schedule.