



## **Recreation Therapy Assistant – 8 Week Summer Contract**

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The Children's Treatment Centre of Chatham-Kent is recruiting a Recreation Therapy Assistant.

This is a temporary full-time summer position (35 hours/week) funded through the Canada Summer Jobs program, with an anticipated start date the week of July 6, 2026 to the week of August 24, 2026 (inclusive). The successful candidate will join our Recreation and Life Skills team, supporting the delivery of inclusive programming for children and youth across Chatham-Kent.

### **Position Summary**

Under the supervision of the School Age Service Manager and current Recreation Staff, the Recreation Therapy Assistant will support the planning and delivery of adapted recreation therapy and life-skills programming for children and youth ages 4–21 with physical, developmental, and/or communication needs.

This role contributes to increasing access to programming, enhancing participant engagement, and supporting inclusive, community-based experiences. The position provides valuable exposure to a multidisciplinary pediatric environment, working alongside professionals in recreation therapy, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and social work.

### **General Responsibilities**

- Assist with the implementation of adapted recreation therapy and life-skills programming in a variety of settings (indoor, outdoor, and aquatic).
- Support program planning, including preparing materials, activities, and set-up/clean-up.
- Provide 1:1 and small group support to children and youth, promoting safety, engagement, and therapeutic recreation goals.
- Assist with facilitating social interaction, skill development, and inclusive participation within programming.
- Support community integration by assisting with connections to recreation opportunities and inclusive services.
- Assist with program documentation, resource development, and equipment inventory.
- Participate in team meetings and support general Centre activities as required.
- Other duties as assigned.

### **Assets**

- Preference for experience in the areas of Therapeutic Recreation, OTA/PTA, Developmental Services Worker, Kinesiology, Social Work, Autism & Behavioural Science, Occupational Therapy, or Physiotherapy.
- Experience working with children or youth, particularly those with diverse needs, is an asset.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and teamwork skills.
- Comfortable using technology (Microsoft Office, Canva, etc.).

### **Competencies**

- Ability to work effectively with children and youth with diverse abilities.
- Flexibility and adaptability in a variety of work environments.
- Strong teamwork and collaboration skills.
- Initiative and willingness to learn.
- Professionalism and reliability.

### **Schedule & Work Environment**

Schedule may vary based on programming demands; however, the anticipated schedule is:

*Monday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.*

*Thursday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.*

*Occasional Fridays may be required*

Work will take place at the Centre, in the community, and in outdoor environments. Travel may be required; mileage reimbursement is available where applicable.

### **Requirements**

- Valid G2 or G driver's licence and access to reliable transportation
- Current First Aid/CPR Certification (Level C)
- Ability to work in a variety of environments, including outdoor and aquatic settings (must be comfortable in the water).
- Physically able to meet the demands of the role, including lifting and moving equipment and participating in active programming.

### **Eligibility (Canada Summer Jobs Program)**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment.
- Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred.

- Have a valid Social Insurance Number and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

### **Compensation**

\$17.60 per hour based on a 35 Hour Work Week

*Please submit resume and cover letter to [npittman@ctc-ck.com](mailto:npittman@ctc-ck.com) by April 29, 2026*

