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Art Therapy House Inc. is a rapidly growing community-forward private practice, providing art therapy and related wellness services within Brown Deer, Milwaukee, and the greater Southeastern Wisconsin area. Art Therapy House Inc. is dedicated to harnessing the healing potential of art therapy to support individuals on their journey to emotional and psychological well-being. We are excited to offer an internship opportunity for those passionate about art therapy and eager to gain hands-on experience in a dynamic and supportive environment.

Our philosophy is highly person-centered and our mission is to make available the healing capabilities of the creative process and of art therapy to persons in need. The range of people who benefit from ATH services is broad. From youth through adolescence and adulthood, art therapy provides opportunities to increase creative coping skills, access and treat traumatic experience, normalize the lived experience, reframe history and build legacy, and encourage resilience and hope.

Clients are seen at our brick and mortar location in Brown Deer, WI as well as in the community and so some driving is required at times. This position will serve clients in individual settings, group settings and other operational tasks as assigned.

Job Title: Art Therapy Intern

Job Type: Limited Term Opportunity (LTO)

## Schedule:

Day shift

- Early Evening shift (No later than 8:30 pm)
- Monday to Friday

Some weekend availability

## Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Fine Art, Art Therapy, Psychology, Counseling, or a related field is required.
- Active enrollment in a Master's degree program in art therapy is required. A written
  internship agreement between the educational institution and Art Therapy House Inc. is
  required.
- Creative skills and profound understanding of various art techniques and materials, allowing you to guide clients through their creative journeys effectively.
- Empathetic and compassionate nature, with the ability to build rapport with diverse populations and individuals.

- Exceptional communication and active listening skills to provide unparalleled support to your clients, fostering an environment of trust and growth.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team-oriented environment, contributing your expertise and working seamlessly with colleagues to deliver holistic care.
- Demonstrate either a comprehensive knowledge of psychological principles and therapeutic interventions in art therapy, ensuring the well-being of those under your guidance, or a strong willingness to learn and acquire this expertise for the position.
- Uphold the utmost confidentiality and ethical standards, respecting the guidelines that govern therapeutic settings and ensuring a safe space for all clients.

\*\*\*Candidates for this position must have a valid driver's license and have reliable transportation to perform the essential duties of the role; a motor vehicle check (MVR) with a satisfactory driving record is required, and ability to meet Art Therapy House Inc. auto insurance requirements. As this position requires providing therapeutic services to vulnerable populations, candidates must be able to pass a caregiver background check.

## **General Job Descriptions:**

As an Art Therapy Intern at Art Therapy House Inc., you will play a vital role in assisting licensed art therapists in providing therapeutic services to our clients. This internship offers flexibility to accommodate your school schedule and includes occasional evening and weekend hours. We are committed to working with you and your educational institution to meet practicum/internship requirements.

Internship hours are flexible based on school scheduling and do include evening and occasional weekend hours. Art Therapy House Inc. can be flexible to accommodate your schools practicum/internship requirements.

The Art Therapy Intern is a limited term opportunity for students through structured intern programs at an accredited college/university and follows the guidelines of an agreement or learning plan. Under supervision, the Art Therapy Intern maintains a safe and therapeutic environment, while performing work involving the care and treatment of clients and other duties as required.

## Major Duties and Responsibilities:

- Observe and facilitate art therapy sessions under the supervision of licensed therapists and art therapy assistants, guiding clients through artistic activities that encourage self-expression and are designed to enhance the client's self-awareness, self-esteem, coping skills, and emotional regulation.
- Work with the therapeutic team including art therapists and art therapy assistants to select and provide a range of art materials and techniques that are tailored to the client's age, developmental level, cultural background, and treatment goals.
- Support clients in processing their art and encouraging verbal communication about their experiences during the creative process.
- Clean up art materials and ensure that the art-making space is organized and clean after each session. Additional housekeeping duties may be assigned as needed.

- Travel to and from Art Therapy House Inc. and community partnership sites with art materials for programming, client artwork, and other necessary items for providing successful services.
- Observe and document clients' artwork and progress during sessions, noting any significant developments or concerns. Maintain accurate and timely records of client progress, treatment plans, and case notes in compliance with ethical and legal guidelines.
- Collaborate with other members of the Art Therapy House Inc. team, including art
  therapists, the operations manager, executive director, other art therapy assistants, interns,
  and community partners, to provide comprehensive and coordinated care to clients.
- Uphold the utmost confidentiality and ethical standards, respecting the guidelines that govern therapeutic settings and ensuring a safe space for all clients.
- Engage actively in regular clinical supervision and seize opportunities for professional development, aimed at upholding agency requirements and continuously expanding your expertise and impact within therapeutic services provided. Participate in regular team meetings and contribute ideas for improving the therapeutic environment.

If you are enthusiastic, dedicated, and committed to helping others through art therapy, we encourage you to apply for this internship opportunity. Please submit your resume, a cover letter expressing your passion for art therapy, and any relevant portfolio materials or art samples to <a href="mailto:info@arttherapyhouse.org">info@arttherapyhouse.org</a>. Join us at Art Therapy House Inc. to make a meaningful impact through the therapeutic power of art.