FACILITY:

Dallas Retirement Village is a community of 300 residents and 250 employees. We are a skilled, intermediate care nursing facility providing nursing and rehabilitative care primarily an elderly population. In addition, we provide independent and assisted-living choices. We are one of the top 100 non-profit business to work for.

ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT:

Four, full-time and five part-time Activity Personnel provide resident assessment, programming and coordination of stimulation for residents. The purpose is to restore, maintain or enhance current abilities through a variety of structured and informal groups and individual contact.

ROLE OF PRACTICUM STUDENT:

Participate in resident evaluation through interview and analysis of past and current interests. Attend Resident Care conference. Interact with specific residents in one-on-one and groups through the activity program. Become familiar with interdepartmental philosophy and activity program development requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be in good mental and physical condition and willing to work with geriatric residents. Must possess leadership ability and the willingness to cooperate with other department heads. Must have understanding of the social and emotional needs of the residents in the nursing home. Must be able to communicate well verbally and in writing. Must have the ability to work cooperatively and courteously with the rest of the facility staff, always friendly, kind and patient with the residents. The practicum student must be reliable and punctual, have the ability and willingness to maintain confidentiality, and be able to empathize with the elderly and confused resident.

CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED UNDER HIPAA REGULATIONS

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward.

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