Occupational Therapist
Assertive Community Treatment Team

This specialized multidisciplinary community based team provides intensive treatment, rehabilitation and support within an outreach model to individuals with serious mental illness in the Waterloo Region utilizing a client driven approach.

SUMMARY OF POSITION
Responsible for conducting comprehensive psychosocial assessments and mental status assessments, this clinician will collaborate with the multidisciplinary team to plan, develop, coordinate, and provide core community based services including intensive case management, psychiatric treatment, substance abuse treatment, structuring time and employment, activities of daily living, social and interpersonal relationships and leisure time, and support. Specifically conducts assessments of consumers’ skills in managing their activities of daily living and recommending strategies for improving their coping abilities. Also assumes responsibility for daily team organization of rotation with other staff.

ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS
- Post-secondary education and training is required, including internships and other supervised practical experiences in a clinical or rehabilitation setting with persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses. Individuals with master’s or bachelor’s degree in occupational therapy are eligible.
- Current registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario.
- Current certification in CPR.
- Knowledge & skills in providing occupational therapy assessment, treatment & rehabilitation.
- Minimum of one year of recent work experience with consumers with serious mental illness; knowledge of major mental illness from a bio-psychosocial perspective.
- Knowledge of psychotropic medications and symptom management.
- Experience in the development of teaching material and the teaching of consumers, families and caregivers.
- Demonstrated skill in applying the principles of psychosocial rehabilitation and the practices of case management.
- Experience in crisis intervention.
- Demonstrated ability to develop teaching material and teach consumers, families and caregivers.
- A strong commitment to the right and ability of each person with a severe and persistent mental illness to live in normal community residences; work in market jobs; and have access to helpful, adequate, competent, and continuous supports and services.
- Skills and competence to establish supportive trusting relationships with persons with severe and persistent mental illnesses.
- Respect for consumer rights and personal preferences in treatment.
- Knowledge of the Mental Health Act and other relevant legislation.
- Willing to travel extensively within the catchment area.
- Must have a valid Ontario driver’s license and access to a reliable vehicle.
- A current and successful Police Vulnerable Sector Screening is required.
- Knowledge of health and social services resources in Waterloo Region preferred.

If you are understanding and sensitive to the needs of individuals experiencing serious mental health issues, with philosophy and values compatible with our organization, please apply before Friday, January 15, 2016 quoting the job title in the subject line to:

Human Resources Coordinator
Waterloo Regional Homes for Mental Health Inc.
618 King Street West, Kitchener, ON N2G 1C8
Email: hr@waterlooregionalhomes.com
Fax: (519) 742-5232
www.waterlooregionalhomes.com