

NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

VACANCY FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Title: Art Therapist

Goal: To improve student's cognitive, emotional, and/or physical well-being by implementing an art therapy program for students. Actively participate as a member of the student's educational teams and the school community.

Reports to: NTDSE Administrator

Qualifications:

1. Master's Degree in Art Therapy or related discipline
2. LBS1 Preferred, but not required
3. Strong knowledge of psychology, therapy, and counseling
4. Familiarity with fine artists and artistic techniques.

Evaluator: NTDSE Administrator

Supervisory Responsibilities: May supervise staff, volunteers, practicum students, or interns.

Essential Functions (Duties & Responsibilities):

Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

1. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of disabilities and art therapy.
2. Conduct assessments and develop and implement a plan for effectively and efficiently serving the needs of students through a variety of evidence-based models of service.
3. Utilize additional resources to assist with the assessment, development, and implementation of services.
4. Utilize technology to generate reports, manage data, communicate with staff and parents, and complete required student records.
5. Assesses client needs or disorders using drawing, painting, sculpting, or other artistic processes.
6. Analyze or synthesize client data to draw conclusions or make recommendations for art therapy.
7. Select or prepare artistic media-related equipment or devices to accomplish therapy session objectives.

Domain 2: Classroom Environment

1. Establish respect and rapport with students.
2. Supervise the safety of all students in the classroom.
3. Manage therapeutic procedures and student behavior.
4. Organize time, environment, materials, and equipment to facilitate learning.
5. Teach art therapy techniques or processes to artists, interns, volunteers, or others.
6. Instruct individuals or groups in the use of art media such as paint, clay, or yarn.

Domain 3: Delivery of Service

1. Design interventions that are integrated, challenging, authentic, and engaging.
2. Progress monitor student growth and adjust services as needed.
3. Provide parents with information related to student's art therapy needs, and suggestions for activities to promote the development and generalization of skills.

Domain 4: Professional Responsibility

1. Maintain accurate records in a specified time and manner.
2. Communicate effectively both orally and in writing including composing reports for IEP meetings or home/school correspondence.
3. Be an integral member of the educational team and prepare for and participate in team meetings, problem-solving meetings, and student meetings.
4. Consult with outside professional agencies/service providers for coordination of therapeutic interventions and evaluations when appropriate.
5. Maintain effective and professional communication with educational team members.
6. Relate in a helpful, positive, and efficient manner with all stakeholders and serve as a positive ambassador for NTDSE across all environments.
7. Assume responsibility for professional growth by participating in professional development activities.
8. Maintain appropriate certification/licensure/standards of practice.
9. Other duties as assigned.

Other Duties

- The job requires physical exertion with no weight restrictions (e.g., lifting and transporting students, carrying materials or supplies) and physical mobility.
- It requires the ability and willingness to manage any feeding and toileting needs of students, if appropriate.
- Independent transportation is required because staff work in multiple locations within the NTDSE community.
- Knowledge of emergency procedures.

Terms of Employment:

- School year calendar with option to work Extended School Year
- Salary and benefits based on the NTFSEESS contract

Application Procedure:

Apply online at www.ntdse.org. Click the "Employment" tab

Application Deadline:

May 10, 2024