

## **Art Therapist - Part-time**

Safe Haven School, Lake Bluff, IL

Safe Haven Therapeutic School is looking for a highly creative, energetic art therapist to work part-time with adolescents presenting with complex emotional, behavioral and trauma-related disorders. This art-based setting requires a highly creative, resourceful art therapist with excellent communication and positive relational skills. Must have extensive experience working with a wide range of art materials, art interventions and trauma-informed strategies to support students' social, emotional and behavioral goals.

### **Qualifications**

Master's Degree in Art Therapy and Counseling from an accredited school

- LPC, LCPC, or eligible for licensure within one year of hire
- Registered Art Therapist or must be eligible for registration within one year of hire
- Two years of experience working with adolescents as an art therapist
- Background in Art Education not required but beneficial

1. Experience and skills practicing art therapy with junior high and high school age students
2. An understanding of psychosocial development, trauma-informed treatment and stages of artistic development
3. Extensive artistic practice working with two and three-dimensional art media and techniques
4. Ability to understand and practice art therapy demonstrating sensitivity to clients' varied socio-economic and racial backgrounds, and gender or sexual preference
5. Ability to work independently and as part of a collaborative clinical, educational and art therapy team
6. Flexibility in scheduling to meet client needs
7. Experience creating a safe, inviting, well-organized art studio, including ordering/maintaining art materials

### **Direct Service**

1. Provide weekly art therapy groups for junior high and high school age students
2. Provide individual art therapy to assigned students
3. Create and implement art therapy groups that emphasize the following goals: development of positive social, communication and problem-solving skills; use of art expression as a constructive outlet for promoting emotional regulation, self-soothing, mindfulness and anxiety reduction; use of art expression to build self-esteem, resilience and self-efficacy
4. Engage in collaborative problem-solving meetings with teachers and students on caseload
5. Respond to emergencies and crises
6. Create and implement expressive art assessment and goals
7. Document individual art therapy progress in a timely manner
8. Reports to Clinical Director and Art Therapy Supervisor

### **Consultation/Collaboration**

1. Participate in clinical and staff meetings
2. Participate in clinical trainings
3. Consult with staff regarding art therapy interventions to address students' academic, behavioral and social-emotional concerns
4. Provide training/consultation regarding the role of art therapy in supporting student resilience and success
5. Identify issues and barriers in the school, home and community that relate to general student welfare and success using both visual and verbal methods
6. Assist in recruiting, supervising and evaluating art therapy interns as assigned
7. Organize and maintain art therapy supplies and studio environment
8. Organize student art projects and portfolios for in-house exhibits
9. Organize and implement community art projects as appropriate, assuring student confidentiality
10. Contribute and facilitate creative activities for holiday parties, graduation and other school-wide events

To apply, please send cover letter and resume to  
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