



Position: Garden Student and Recreation Therapy Assistant

Status: Temporary Part Time

Hourly Wage: \$18.25 **Program:** CORE

Hawthorne Seniors Care Community is a not-for-profit seniors living community committed to providing compassionate, person-centered care in a safe, welcoming, and home-like environment. We support seniors to live with dignity, independence, and purpose.

Hawthorne Seniors Care Community is accepting applications for a **Garden/Recreation Therapy Assistant** to join our care facility on a temporary part time basis. The ideal candidate must commit to work 35 hours per week for 8 weeks between the period of June to August 31, 2026. Days of work are flexible.

About the Role

Reporting to the Volunteer & Community Partnerships Coordinator, the Garden Student & Recreation Therapy Assistant supports the maintenance of garden and outdoor spaces while assisting in the delivery of recreation and music therapy programs. This role contributes to enhancing participants' quality of life through engaging activities and a well-maintained therapeutic environment, including one-to-one companion support.

Key Responsibilities

- Water garden beds, planters, and surrounding areas
- Perform routine garden maintenance including weeding, pruning, and general upkeep
- Assist with planting, soil preparation, and seasonal garden tasks
- Maintain cleanliness and safety of outdoor program areas
- Support the preparation, facilitation, and cleanup of recreation and music therapy programs
- Assist with group activities such as arts and crafts, games, music sessions, and outdoor programs
- Provide one-to-one companion support to participants, encouraging engagement and social interaction
- Foster an inclusive, supportive, and welcoming environment
- Organize and maintain program materials and spaces

Qualifications

- Interest in horticulture, gardening, recreation, therapeutic programming, or related fields
- Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions

Interested applicants should email a resume and relevant supporting documents to hr@hawthornecare.com.

We thank all applicants, but only those applicants shortlisted will be contacted.



- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated reliability, initiative, and willingness to learn
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a team
- Experience working with seniors, individuals with disabilities, or in community programs is an asset

Eligibility Requirements (Canada Summer Jobs Program)

- Must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or a person with refugee protection status
- Must have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment
International students are not eligible under the program

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