

Work-Study Title: BITS Ambassador
Department: CLP Community Service
Reports to: Eugene Durkee, Director CLP

Position #: 502F5
Category: Student
Pay rate: \$8.25/hour
Office Use Only
ID:

Student Name:

Length of Employment (check one) Fall _____ Spring _____ Both _____

Hours Required

8a-10a, 5p-7p M-F Horse Therapy/Barn work (Some weekend hours available also)
After 2pm M-F direct client support during riding lessons

Position Purpose

Therapeutic horse riding and care is used at BITS to treat a variety of conditions that can affect a person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being. BITS is a member of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association, and works to positively affect the lives of children and adults with disabilities.

Motivations/Interests/Skills Required

Students working at BITS should have knowledge or a love of horses and be willing to do routine barn maintenance. Experience is not necessary. There is also a position for a person with computer skills to help with the web site, data-entry and other office help within the program. NEC students taking this service position should have an interest in working with children and adults with special needs. Applicant must be an NEC student; open to all majors.

Duties & Responsibilities

Positions Available

- Support special needs children and adults during equine therapy (beginning in April-May)
- Clean and muck stalls, feed horses, turn out horses, perform other additional barn work.
- Occasional help with hay management---pasture management, according to the seasons.
- Office skills such as forms development, data-base management, filing, typing, etc.
- Perform data entry, web-site construction and maintenance.
- Learn about the business of non-profits by fundraising, support during special projects (open house), etc.

Benefits to Student Employee

1. Gain skills in teaching and in understanding the learning process with special needs students of various ages
2. Gain understanding of equine therapy as it relates to those with mental/psychological challenges.
3. Gain skills in communicating with professionals on the subjects of mental health therapy.
4. Gain understanding of working website management and maintenance.

Supervision

The CLP Director and the Off Campus Coordinator will supervise the student in their role as Student Community Service Coordinator.

Supervisor's Signature

Date

Student's Signature

Date

Student Financial Services

Date

Site Contact

Back in the Saddle Equine Therapy Center

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From the Simon Center, go toward Weare on Bridge Street. Approximately 3-4 miles down the road after the Henniker Junction, turn left onto River Road. This road will turn into College Hill Road. Look for #332 on the right.