

## PLACEMENT DESCRIPTION

**Employer:** WEX TEMPLATES

**Contact:**

**Supervisor:**

**Employer Tel:**

**Website:**

**Job:** Healthcare Assistant

**Classification:** Health Professions

**Ref:** 13,048

**Aims & Objectives:** To develop key skills through the experience of work. To gain an insight into working as care and support staff.

NOTE: Placements within the hospital are restricted to students over the age of 16.The

**Key Tasks:** Student will do a certain amount of observation then with training and under supervision may do simple tasks. Duties may include assisting trained staff, learning hygiene protocol, making beds, tidying, helping patients, cleaning and preparing equipment. Talking and interacting with clients/residents. To promote independence with the clients/ residents. There may be some opportunity to observe the chiropodist. Students may assist with activities arranged by occupational therapists. Students may have the opportunity to go out on the minibus to assist with occasional trips. The confidential and sensitive nature of this work may limit activities.

**Requirements:** Should be interested in a career as a carer. Must be very presentable with attention paid to personal hygiene. Friendly with good communication skills and must enjoy working with people. MOBILE PHONES MUST BE OFF OR SILENT -USE ONLY DURING BREAKS

**Clothing:** Students should wear navy or black trousers (jeans or leggings are not suitable) Student will be given an overall to wear whilst on placement. Good comfortable shoes should be worn. Limited jewellery is acceptable.

**Working Hours:** 8.00am - 3.00pm Monday to Friday -may leave early on Friday (max 37 hrs) may be opportunity for shift work if wished to be discussed with Home Manager.

**Meal Breaks:** 30 minutes lunch break plus coffee break in morning- lunchtimes may be unsupervised (some homes have restaurants where you may buy food or bring a packed lunch)

**Interview Required:** Y

**Student to Arrange:** Y

**Notes:** Student to contact employer to arrange an interview / informal chat prior to starting the placement.

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**Employer's Health & Safety Risk Assessment:**

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE & AWARENESS:-Students will be supervised at all times. EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY, Students will have no contact with hazardous machinery. CHEMICALS & FLAMMABLE MATERIALS:-Students will not use or have access to drugs and chemicals. All drugs and cleaning fluids are locked away. LIFTING & MANUAL HANDLING:-Student will be shown correct lifting and handling techniques, however hoists and other methods of moving residents are generally in use, therefore manual handling will not be required of student. WORKPLACE SPECIFIC HAZARDS:-Student with any form of sickness, diarrhoea or contagious disease should not attend placement and stay away for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped. Student should realise that elderly people can be demanding, occasionally exhibiting challenging behaviour and the work could at times be disturbing. Students under the age of 16 must not assist with bathing or toileting. SLIPS, TRIPS & FALLS:-Care to be taken on wet/slippery floors and of trip hazards such as walking sticks. CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES:-All staff are police checked and all students must have had a basic police check. ELECTRICITY:-Safe use of electrical items to be shown. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:-Aprons and disposable gloves will be provided. COMPUTERS & WORK STATION:-Regular breaks from computer screens are required during prolonged use.

**Special Notes:**

Parents/Guardians will be expected to give details of any health problems e.g. epilepsy, asthma etc on the agreement form

**Last Visit Date:****Next Visit Date:****Risk Band: L**