



Solicitation of Interest

The Valley Hospice Foundation (VHF) is a not-for-profit charitable organization supporting Hospice and Palliative Care in the Annapolis Valley. VHF is seeking a Music Therapist to provide Music Therapy to palliative patients and families in the Valley Hospice and in the homes of patients being served by the Annapolis Valley Palliative Care Program. The selected therapist should be able to respond to a flexible schedule with the ability to work in the evenings or on weekends should the patient's needs demand.

The Music Therapy position will be contracted to provide 20 hours per week of direct therapy and associated administrative duties. The contract will begin in March 2023 for one year with the option for early renewal based on performance and patient feedback.

Selected individuals will be offered an interview. Qualified and interested parties may submit their CV including the names of three references to

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Applications will close on **March 31st**, 2023



Job Description

Music Therapist

Valley Hospice Foundation

Music therapists use music creatively to help their clients address social, emotional or physical needs within the palliative care setting. They work with children and adults of all ages and social backgrounds.

Necessary skills include:

- Enjoy working with and motivating people
- Proficient guitar and piano skills
- Confident vocal ability
- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Compassionate and enthusiastic personality
- Comfortable talking with patients and their families and discussing death and dying
- Strong interpersonal, communication and leadership skills
- Ability to work independently as well as in an interdisciplinary team
- Meeting with patients and their families in their homes (candidate must have a car)

Music therapists use sound, music, and rhythm to engage clients actively or passively to achieve therapeutic goals. As part of the palliative care team, the music therapist is responsible for the development, implementation and evaluation of music therapy programs designed to meet the specific needs of their patients.

Some of the music therapist's responsibilities include direct patient/family treatment and support through organization of and implementation of music therapy sessions on an individual and group basis. The music therapist provides a



safe, therapeutic, developmentally supportive and culturally sensitive environment for patients and families and communicates any relevant music therapy observations to the multidisciplinary teams both in the Valley Hospice and the Annapolis Valley Palliative Care Program team.

Music therapists are required to have completed a bachelor's degree in music therapy. Music therapists are also required to have completed 1000 music therapy internship hours and must be registered with the Canadian Association for Music Therapists.

The music therapist will provide reports to the Board of Directors of the Valley Hospice Foundation for information and interest purposes.