

Rainbow Place Health Care Assistant – Casual



Rainbow Place is the children and young people's service of Hospice Waikato – the only hospice in New Zealand that offers specialist child-focussed palliative care services supporting children/young people aged 0-18 years and their families, living with a life limiting/life threatening condition. Rainbow Place provides care through a team approach that includes specialist nursing care, counselling, social work, spiritual care and practical support for as long as the child/young person needs it. The Rainbow Place team is part of the comprehensive specialist palliative care services of Hospice Waikato. Care and support is also provided wherever it is needed, such as the family home, school, hospital and other community facilities. Rainbow Place staff are supported in their work by the large team of specialist palliative care staff at Hospice Waikato, including voluntary staff who enhance the service and facilities in a variety of ways.

Our people are part of an organisation that:

- Recognises people and the difference they make
- Is committed to developing its people to the highest professional skill level
- Understands the value of emotional support for all
- Delivers its services with a multidisciplinary focus
- Is committed to being the best in its field
- Works with humanity and compassion for all our patients and families

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Health Care Assistant to join our Rainbow Place and In-Patient Unit (IPU) team on a casual basis. There are three shift times, an AM shift (7am - 3.30pm), a PM shift (2.30pm - 11pm) and a night shift (11pm – 7.30am).

Your primary role will be to deliver a high level of care to the children and young people who stay in our IPU for respite, symptom management or end of life care. The HCA cares for one child at a time while they are admitted to the Hospice Inpatient Unit in a specific Rainbow Place room. The care will be directed by the parent/carers and Registered Nurses and delivered by the Health Care Assistant. The care will be supervised by an RN and there will be an expectation for the HCA to document all cares provided into our electronic health record system. The children we support have a high level of complex health needs which require 24/7 one to one care. You will have the opportunity to work with amazing children and their family/whanau on their journeys. You will need to have lots of energy and compassion and most importantly be ready to have lots of fun!

To be the right fit for this role and our organisation you would bring:

Essential:

- Previous experience in a caring role
- Experience working with children and young people
- Comfortable working around grief and loss
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of an interdisciplinary team
- Emotional maturity and resilience

Desirable:

- NZQA Qualification in Rest Home Care / Community Support Services (or equivalent)
- Proven experience in paediatric palliative care
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Current full New Zealand driver's license

If this sounds like the role and an organisation you want to be a part of then please [click here](#) and select the 'apply for this Job' link to submit your cover letter and CV through SEEK. Please include in your application what days and hours you able to work.

The successful applicant will be required to undertake pre-employment health screening (including drug testing) and complete a Ministry of Justice criminal records check, the results of which must be to Hospice Waikato's satisfaction.

Applicants must have NZ residency or a valid work visa. Please indicate your availability in your Cover Letter.