

MEDICAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEER



About Canteen

At Canteen we get it. Just when life should be full of possibilities, cancer crashes into a young person's world and shatters everything.

We help young people cope with cancer in their family. Through Canteen, they learn to explore and deal with their feelings about cancer, connect with other young people in the same boat and if they've been diagnosed themselves, we provide specialist, youth-specific treatment teams.

Volunteering with Canteen regardless of the role, offers individuals and organisations a rewarding opportunity to directly impact and support young people and families impacted by cancer.

Benefits of Volunteering with Canteen

Volunteering with Canteen is an inspiring, rewarding and purposeful experience that really enables you to be at your best. Canteen has a passion for all things people and are continually working on ways to make our organisation an even better place to work. We have a culture we are proud of and want to find more people who share our commitment, enthusiasm and passion!

Volunteers are an essential part of all our service delivery and success - we could not do it without you!

Canteen not only offers volunteers the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of Young People Living with Cancer but provides you many other benefits such as:

- Being part of a positive, ambitious and high-performing team
- Sense of purpose and 'giving back'
- fulfilment, fun and enjoyment
- Developing a professional network





Role Specifics

To provide medical support and information to young people and staff and to professionally dispense medication, which may include oral chemotherapy and narcotics

Duties and Responsibilities

Canteen tasks include but are not limited to:

- Dispensing medication as required
- Record medication dispensed, and treatments provided as per policy
- Administer first aid as required
- Manage first-aid medical kits
- Securely store medical and consent forms (locked case provided)
- Identify and report potential risks/hazards that may impact upon the health and safety of young people
- Provide advice and/or information to Canteen staff in relation to the treatment of young people
- Liaise with relevant health professionals if a young person or member of staff is unwell
- Accompany unwell people to a medical centre or hospital if required
- Supervise young people during activities and assist Program Staff with general tasks.

Qualifications:

- Medical (Doctor), Nursing or Paramedic degree is mandatory
- Health Professionals will be required to provide their AHPRA Registration details
- Medical Doctors will also need to provide insurance details

Personal Qualities:

- Warm and approachable
- Ability to listen actively and communicate confidently
- Friendly and professional
- High level of integrity, honesty and commitment
- Highly motivated team player



Hours

Hours are dependent on the type of program you are volunteering for.

Our Recreational Days run for a few hours to a full day. Our overnight programs require a commitment of 3 days and 2 nights.

There is no ongoing requirement to regularly volunteer to remain active. We appreciate your time greatly and cannot do what we do without our volunteers, but we equally understand you need flexibility in how and when you can commit to volunteer.

Recreational Days are run every 6-8 weeks. Each State host 2 overnight programs per year.

Pre-engagement checks

As Canteen's work involves staff being in direct contact with children and young people, all staff, whether paid or unpaid are required to complete police and working with children checks, relevant to the state in which they will be engaged. Canteen also requires all staff, paid or unpaid to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

Canteen may conduct at least two reference checks on successful applicants and may also require proof of any professional qualifications stated on an application.

Scan code to apply

To apply to be a Recreational Volunteer scan the code and complete the application form. You will then be contacted by the National Volunteer Coordinator.



Questions

If you have any questions around the role or requirements please contact the Canteen Volunteering Team.

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