



ROLE TITLE: Magic Trainer

SALARY: unremunerated (reasonable travel expenses are covered)

RESPONSIBLE TO: Clinical Lead

LOCATION: Various (see below for details)

HOURS: 10 days on camp (9am-5.30pm)

BENEFITS: training, work experience, certificate of participation, reference and additional half-day training led by our Clinical Leads.

About Breathe Arts Health Research

Breathe Arts Health Research is a not-for-profit social enterprise company founded in 2012 as a spin-out organisation from Guy's and St Thomas' Charity. Breathe designs, delivers and researches innovative ways of using the arts and creativity in healthcare to improve clinical outcomes for patients and enrich the healthcare environment for staff, patients and visitors.

The Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme is designed for young people (7-18 years) who have hemiplegia – a predominately one-sided body weakness or paralysis following a congenital or acquired brain injury. Participants learn specially selected magic tricks designed to improve the use of their affected hand and arm in everyday bimanual activities over a 10-day intensive camp culminating in a final magic show for family and friends.

Role Description

With support from our Clinical Leads, Magic Trainers provide one-to-one therapy to the young people attending the Breathe Magic Intensive Therapy Programme. Specifically, they offer support and encouragement to the young people whilst they practice their magic tricks and bimanual activities such as fastening shirt buttons, tying shoelaces and cutting up food.

Not only is this a fun and unique programme to be a part of, it's also a great way to gain paediatric neuro-disability experience. Our Clinical Leads will be on hand to support you whilst you help the young people to practice their tricks and daily activities, answer any questions you have and guide you with writing up clinical notes at the end of each day. If you complete ten days on camp, we will also provide references and a certificate of participation for your continued professional development (CPD) file. We will also invite you to attend a half-day additional training led by a Clinical Lead.

Main Duties:

- Supporting the young people to learn the magic tricks and practicing these with them one to one supervised by a Clinical Lead.



- Helping the young people to work on their daily living goals (i.e. tying their shoes, fastening their zips, buttoning their shirts, etc.).
- Supervising bi-manual play activities, e.g. circus skills, origami, costume decorating.
- Documenting your young person's progress through the use of SOAP notes each day.
- Attending staff meetings at the beginning and end of each day.
- Any other duties or responsibilities which may reasonably be requested by other members of the Breathe AHR team.

Conditions of Engagement:

- Attend a group interview led by a Clinical Lead.
- At least one Magic Trainer training day must be completed prior to attending camp.
- A DBS check (paid for by Breathe AHR) must be completed prior to attending camp.
- You should ideally be able to commit to the ten days of camp. However, we can be flexible and, in some cases, accept a minimum of five days of attendance.

Who can apply?

Magic Trainers are typically Occupational Therapy Students looking to gain experience working with children and young people with disabilities. We have also accepted applications from qualified Occupational Therapists, qualified Physiotherapists and Physiotherapy students. If you're a teacher or teaching assistant and interested in applying, please do get in touch.

The qualities we look for in our Magic Trainers include:

- An interest in working with children and young people with disabilities.
- A keenness to learn about the work of Breathe Arts Health Research.
- Knowledge of Health and Safety.
- Enthusiasm and an excellent team player attitude.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Trustworthy and reliable when in possession of confidential information.

To apply, please complete the Breathe Magic Trainer [sign up form](#) on our website.

For more information or support, please look at our [frequently asked questions](#), download on our website or contact us via email at magic@breatheahr.org.