

ROLE TITLE: Magic Trainer

SALARY: Voluntary Position

RESPONSIBLE TO: Clinical Leads

LOCATION: Various

HOURS: 10 days on camp (approx. 9am-5.30pm apart from the Magic Show Day on Day 10 approx. 10am – 9pm)

BENEFITS: training, work experience, certificate of participation, letter of commendation and additional half-day CPD training led by our Joint 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 (7-19 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 hand and arm function 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 therapeutic support 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.

During the programme, you will receive support and assistance from the Joint Clinical Leads throughout the day when working with the young people. They will be on hand to guide you with the therapy strategies given to each young person and to support you whilst writing up SOAP notes at the end of each day. You'll also be part of the morning and end of day staff meetings which include debriefs for everyone and offer the chance for you to ask any questions. Of course, the wider Breathe Magic team, including our Magicians and staff team, will also always be on hand to guide you through the programme.

After the programme has ended, we will invite you to a half-day CPD training session on upper-limb bimanual therapy (worth £200) led by our Lead Occupational Therapists. We will then provide a letter of commendation and a CPD certificate following the training.

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 bimanual play activities, e.g. circus skills, origami, and 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.
- A 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 are 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 on our website or contact us via email at magic@breatheahr.org.