

# CARING HOSPICE CENTER

**SITE NAME:** Caring Hospice Center

**LOCATION:** NJ

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**AGENCY DESCRIPTION:** Caring Hospice Services is a unique, holistic and cost effective service designed to meet the social, emotional, spiritual and physical needs of patients and families as they face terminal illness. Our mission is to coordinate patient and family service while respecting their choices, values and beliefs. The hospice team consists of nurses, social workers, chaplains, certified home health aides, volunteers and the patient's own physician who work in concert with family caregivers to support the patient as a whole person with focus on comfort care – not cure.

Our Patients are primarily admitted with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, dementia, cancer, cardiac and lung disease. The vast majority of patients are over 75 years old. Our patients are located in Essex, Union, Middlesex, and Ocean counties. The student can choose the locations which are most convenient for them.

## **JOB DESCRIPTION:**

*Assignment* – The student has several opportunities available. The student will primarily provide emotional support to patients and caregivers, in a health care facility or in a patient's home. The support includes visiting with patients, sharing a hobby, talent or skill or other means identified by the team to engage and support the patient; assist in the office (in Edison) with administrative, marketing or recruitment activities; and/or additional projects, which complement the abovementioned opportunities. These projects will be developed based on the individual skills of the student and our organizational needs.

*Training* – The student will receive an initial orientation and training which is approximately 6-10 hours. As a follow-up to formal training, we will provide an opportunity to shadow each team member (RN/Case Manager, Nurse/L.P.N., Social Worker (M.S.W), Chaplain and Certified Home Health Aide), prior to direct patient contact. In addition, the student will be invited to attend bi-weekly team meetings where each patient is reviewed by the entire team, and all in-service seminars which we sponsor.

Students will need to pass a physical examination and a TB test (at no cost to the student).

Please contact Robert Pedone for more detailed information