



Program Instructor

Location:

7404 Commerce Way, Ruther Glen, VA 22546

Company:

Paws for Purple Hearts

Pay: From \$44,000.00 per year

Job description:

A PPH Instructor position has three main areas involved, the primary goal being to help our Veterans and active duty service men and women who have given so much to keep our country safe:

1. By teaching them to train assistance dogs to be placed with their fellow Veterans, a form of canine-assisted therapy, helps reduce the trauma of war;
2. By training the assistance dogs on your own string, preparing and placing them with Veterans with mobility limitations, PTSD or other disabilities;
3. By managing one or more of the specialty programmatic areas:
 - *Client program (works with National Client Manager)
 - *Kennel/Dog health program (works with National health manager)
 - Dog training program is usually the on-site senior instructor (works closely with National Dog Program Director)
 - *Purchasing program (works with National Accounting Manager)
 - Puppy Parent Program (works w/National Dog Program Director)
 - Veteran Sessions Program communicate with the Veteran program key staff (works with National Dog Program Director)

*All PPH instructors ultimately report to the PPH Dog Program Director, though the immediate program supervisor on-site is the senior instructor and guidance is provided by the National staff.

1. The Paws for Purple Hearts' Program Instructor is required to have met the following specific educational requirements:

- a. A Bachelor's Degree in Canine Studies, Psychology, the Behavioral Sciences, or the mental health field; or
- b. An Associate Degree in Assistance Dog Education.



2. Prior experience preferred for this position includes:

- a. Two years experience in human services/mental health field;
- b. Two years experience in dog training, one of which has been spent with assistance dogs;
- c. Work in or an extensive knowledge of the assistance dog field;
- d. A strong background in teaching.
- e. A certificate in Dogs Helping Veterans

3. Basic qualifications include the following areas:

- a. A strong desire to teach dogs to help people;
- b. Knowledge of and an exceptional ability to teach people to train puppies and dogs using positive methods;
- c. Knowledge of and an ability to understand and work with Warriors (active- duty and Veteran military personnel) with physical and psychological injuries;
- d. Knowledge of symptoms related to Post Traumatic Stress acquired from military deployments and other circumstances;
- e. Licensing from a board of behavioral science may be required based on assignment;
- f. Accurate reporting and record keeping;
- g. Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills;
- h. Ability to make presentations about PPH to the general public, VA Administrators, Veteran Service Organizations and other interested parties;
- i. Compatibility with the organization's direction and purpose.

1. Implement and maintain the Paws for Purple Hearts Service Dog Training Canine-Assisted Therapy (SDTCAT) and the Service Dog Training Canine- Assisted Therapy intervention (SDTCATi) programs and specialty management roles as appropriate to each regional site;



2. Help assist in the development of an influential stakeholders group to compliment and sustain the program;
3. Help expand and innovate the concept of dogs helping veterans, active-duty military and other military personnel;
4. Attendance at required meetings of and reporting to the PPH Executive Director and PPH Dog Program Administration;
5. Continuing professional education;
6. Commitment to PPH's mission, goals, objectives;
7. All other duties as assigned by the Dog Program Manager or the National staff responsible for that specialty or the CEO.

Job Type: Full-time

Experience:

- Dog training: 2 years (Required)
- teaching: 1 year (Preferred)

Ability to Commute:

- Ruther Glen, VA (Required)

Ability to Relocate:

- Ruther Glen, VA: Relocate before starting work (Required)

Work Location: In person

To Apply: Please send cover letter, resume, and references to Southeast Site Manager; Genevieve Timpone - genevievvet@pawsforpurplehearts.org