

## Companion (Casual Elect to Work Throughout Durham Region)

Reporting to the Manager, Client Transition and Respite, the Companion provides engagement in activities, conversation, friendship, and social activities to clients and respite services for families and caregivers. With a focus on client's safety and security, the companion provides support with activities of daily living such as, meal preparation, falls prevention, light housekeeping, medication reminders, as needed.

The Companion provides companionship and support as defined within the client's care plan which may include:

- Providing clients with companionship and social interaction (i.e., escorted walks, puzzles, games, reading, etc.)
- Assisting clients with activities of daily living (i.e., light meal preparation, light home making, feeding assistance, mobility assistance, medication reminders, etc.)
- Providing family and caregivers with regular updates and client security checks
- Assisting clients and families with grocery shopping and transportation

### Qualifications required:

- Post-secondary education in related community support and/health care field (i.e., Social Service Worker, Development Service Worker, etc.)
- Minimum one year of related experience (i.e., community supports services, homecare, or health care facility, etc.)
- Satisfactory Police Vulnerable Sector Check or Enhanced Police Information Check
- Current Standard/Emergency First Aid with Level C CPR
- Current immunization record (TB test completed within the past 12 months) is required upon hire
- Licensed vehicle and the ability and willingness to drive within Durham Region
- Maintenance of class G Ontario driving license and clean Drivers Abstract with personal automobile insurance of at least \$2,000,000 and appropriate business-use coverage as required by personal automobile insurance carrier (if required to drive clients) or maintenance of class G2 Ontario driving license and clean Drivers Abstract at a minimum
- If required to drive clients must provide proof of 3 years driving experience with clients
- Comfortable working alone in the community (supervisor or Service Coordinator on call)
- Sensitivity to the needs of the frail elderly and persons with disabilities, including challenges in cognition
- Completion of an up-to-date immunization form, including two doses of COVID-19 Vaccine (where medically able in accordance with our Immunization Policy)

**Compensation:** Starting at \$17.59 per hour plus 4% vacation pay.

\* Pay will be commensurate based on education and experience

**Please apply in writing outlining qualifications and experience to Human Resources, Community Care Durham email: [careers@communitycaredurham.on.ca](mailto:careers@communitycaredurham.on.ca)**