

Personal Attendant Position Job Preview



Example of a Typical PA Shift

"Working with my current client involves a day with music and creative activities. There are a lot of shifts available at my clients house so I am able to fit different shifts into my schedule. This particular client uses an electric wheel chair and we assist them with transferring in bed, to the toilet, and assist with showering. I assist them with their medications throughout the day and we spend our time thinking of creative ways to increase their independence. This client is great for anyone who would like to gain experience that would be great experience for those aspiring for careers such as occupational therapy, nursing, or anything in the health care field. Paper work and documentation are a regular part of the day. We help them to stay positive and conduct a regular routine with them through out the day." M. Lindberg

"Every day really is different, with variety being more the rule than the exception. Much of what I get involved in is driven by the client I support, and in helping to ensure they are able to live with as much independence and choice as possible. Common tasks I support a clients with are helping them achieve goals identified in their support plans, such as learning to use public transport and assisting them with getting ready in the morning, including support with personal care and hygiene. Coordination of a client's personal hygiene needs may require exposure to bodily fluids (feces, urine, blood). I assist them with taking their medications and depending on the person, assist with mobility. At each shift I also communicate and document any changes in my client's behaviors, health, and progress with goals. Throughout all of this, I help ensure that the client I support remain at the center of everything I do." -L. Pettit

Employee Testimonials

"I would like to extend huge thank you to Summer House for the work they do. My experience with them back in college gave me huge lessons on advocacy, patience, and community. It was there that I learned that even though we are all different, we are all really just the same." -Oanh Nguyen. Oanh is now an ICU nurse in a medical surgical ICU in Sacramento.

"I loved my work at Summer house for the same reason I love my work now- I like connecting with people and helping them have just a little better of a day no matter how small."- Lynsey Harting. Lynsey has been a registered nurse for almost 12 years.

"Summer House was absolutely amazing to me and I often think about the work that I was able to do there."- Abrie Guillen. Abrie is now a Behavior Consultant in Sacramento and works with kids on the autism spectrum

Pros & Cons of Personal Attendant Position

Pros

- Supportive Team Environment
- Hands on Experience in Social Service Field
- Positive Work Environment
- Rewarding
- Set Schedule that works with your availability
- Career Growth Opportunities

Cons

- Schedule-Can be less flexibility than other jobs
- Can have high staff turnover
- Rate of Pay largely is dependent on State set reimbursement
- Can be very physical & hands on at times

Summer House Benefits

- Sick & Vacation Benefits
- Holiday Pay
- Paid Trainings
- Great Health Benefits
- Vision, Dental, Medical, AFLAC
- Retirement
- Regular Pay Increases
- Life Insurance