**Medical Social Worker**

Home care allows you to get a full understanding of each patient’s needs!

**Description**

Duties include:

* Assessing the social and emotional factors affecting patients and families that impede effective medical treatment, and intervening in crisis situations when necessary
* Participating in the development of care plans
* Counseling patients and families in long-range planning and decision-making
* Assisting patients and families in obtaining needed community resources
* Providing social work services to the home health program
* Assisting with staff in-service programs and community education

**Requirements**

Home care is both challenging and rewarding! This job requires a person who can work independently, while never forgetting that home care is a team effort. Other requirements include:

* Bachelor of Social Work from a school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
* One year of experience in a health care setting, which may include completion of a social work health care internship
* One to three years of general clinical experience in hospitals or nursing homes (internship experience considered)
* Willingness to work in home environments of patients who may have values or standards different from your own
* Ability to network with community agencies and utilize community resources
* Ability to make evaluations and decisions based on measurable or verifiable criteria
* Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing
* Respecting the patient’s privacy and maintaining confidentiality
* Current Tennessee driver’s license and automobile liability insurance