**Birdsong Technology Engagement Intern**

**Westminster Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay**

3100 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23451

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

This is an unpaid INTERNSHIP position and applicants must be in an approved INTERNSHIP program with a college/university.

The Birdsong Technology Engagement Intern will be involved in key functions of engaging residents with innovative senior friendly tablets in skilled nursing and rehab settings throughout The Hoy Healthcare Center, the skilled nursing center of Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay. Depending on interest and ability, some students may be able to develop independent projects that support our mission.

This is an unpaid internship of limited duration as set forth to meet the college/university degree requirements

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

* Research, planning, implementation, and evaluation of technology engagement interventions for residents.
* Majority of intern’s time will be spent in 1:1 engagement with residents who may or may not have dementia.
* Assist in development of resident’s individual technology engagement plans and goals
* Provide feedback to an interdisciplinary innovation team regarding interactions with residents and progress on engagement & mental stimulation.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

* Must be in a qualified academic program.
* Previous experience working with older adults with dementia or cognitive impairment
* Previous teaching, training, or tutoring experience
* Experience working in a team.
* Experience working with the geriatric population and/or educational knowledge of appropriate interventions pertaining to the specific population.
* Basic knowledge of computer use and use of publishing programs such as: Microsoft and Google Applications, Publisher, Excel, and PowerPoint.
* Individual must be physically able to assist residents in wheelchairs, or who use walkers or require direction.
* Individual should be able to climb stairs between the floors in health care and/or those in assisted living areas.
* Have communication skills or desire to improve skills to assist with redirection and/or reorientation of residents
* Experience/Ability to educate and train residents on engagement tablets
* Ability to present ideas to residents in user friendly language
* Highly self-motivated and directed
* Able to commit to 20 to 30 hours per week
* Organized and detail oriented
* Upbeat and engaging
* Friendly, articulate, and punctual

**BENEFITS**

* Intern will develop skills for effective communication, both verbal and written for documentation, goals, and approaches.
* Intern will have opportunities to work with rehab residents to include physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy.
* Intern will learn about and research medical challenges common in the geriatric population and develop knowledge of how they can affect engagement.
* Opportunity for Career Advancement
* Professional Work Experience