

Daniel Ortiz

Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

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SUMMARY

Therapeutic recreation specialist and CTRS with 5 years in skilled nursing and municipal inclusion programs. Completes leisure assessments, writes care plans with measurable goals, and runs adapted recreation for about 150 participants a week, with steady communication with families and care teams.

SKILLS

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| • Therapeutic Recreation | • Inclusion | • Communication |
| • Leisure Assessment | • MDS Section F | • Interpersonal Skills |
| • Care Plans | • PointClickCare | |
| • Adapted Recreation | • Behavior Support | |

EXPERIENCE

Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

04/2023 - Present

White River Parks and Recreation

Indianapolis, IN

City-county park district; adapted and inclusive recreation unit serving residents with disabilities.

- Assess 80 participants with disabilities a year and write inclusion plans for camps, sports and fitness classes.
- Run adapted recreation for about **150** participants a week, including wheelchair basketball, adaptive swim and social clubs.
- Train 45 seasonal camp staff each spring on behavior support, seizure response and inclusion techniques.
- Coordinate accommodations with families and site managers, raising the share of inclusion requests filled from 70% to 94%.

Recreation Therapist

06/2021 - 03/2023

Meridian Oaks Health Campus

Carmel, IN

140-bed skilled nursing and memory care community.

- Completed MDS Section F interviews and leisure assessments for **30** admissions a month within required timelines.
- Wrote and updated quarterly care plans and attended 10 interdisciplinary care conferences a week.
- Designed a memory care sensory program that cut afternoon behavior incidents 30% over 6 months.
- Recorded participation and progress notes in PointClickCare for a 60-resident caseload.

Therapeutic Recreation Intern

01/2021 - 05/2021

Crossroads Rehabilitation Hospital

Indianapolis, IN

560-hour clinical internship for CTRS eligibility.

- Facilitated **50** aquatic and community reintegration sessions for adults after stroke and amputation.
- Evaluated 20 patients under a CTRS supervisor and presented 2 case studies to the rehab team.
- Planned 4 community outings to a grocery store and a ballpark to practice accessible transit and wheelchair skills.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Indiana University Bloomington

Recreational Therapy

Bloomington, IN

05/2021

CERTIFICATES

Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (CTRS)

08/2021

National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification

Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

03/2025

American Red Cross