

VOLUNTEER TUTORING PROGRAM

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer tutor with the Kids Cancer Care tutoring program!

Our goal is to help childhood cancer patients and survivors improve their academic skills by providing specialized, one-on-one tutoring. The tutoring program is based on a solid foundation of volunteer tutors...like you!

Please read over this position description to see if the program is a good fit for you. Please note that we can only take volunteers who are 18 years or older and who can meet all the required commitments.

Volunteer Tutor Position Description

How it works:

We match volunteer tutors (like you!) with learners in Kindergarten to Grade 12, to provide weekly, in-home or virtual tutoring sessions. Tutors and learners are matched based on the learner's needs and tutor's skills/experience with specific age, grade, subject matter and special needs.

Roles

- Act as a positive role model and support for the child or youth.
- Bring energy, enthusiasm and a positive attitude to the learning experience.
- Use your expertise as a tutor to help the child develop learning and social skills.
- Find ways to motivate the child to want to learn and grow.
- Provide information to parents about their child's learning.

Required commitments

- An interview and volunteer tutor orientation with someone from our Education Support team
- A one-year commitment to weekly tutoring, or approximately 45 hours in total of direct tutoring. (Some shorter-term commitments may be available, for eg. over the summer or for specific semesters. Ask us!)
- A minimum of two hours (virtual or in-person) of direct and indirect tutoring per week, which includes session preparation time and time spent communicating with parents.
- Clear and consistent communication with Kids Cancer Care: providing brief written summaries of tutoring sessions and submitting tutoring hours. We provide a session summary template.
- If you choose in-person tutoring you will need the ability to transport yourself to and from the predetermined location –we attempt to match tutors to families in their quadrant of the city to reduce travel time. If you choose virtual tutoring, you may be matched with a learner anywhere in the province.
- Flexibility is an asset! While most tutoring sessions will be set on a regular schedule, our tutors must be able to be a bit flexible. Families may have to cancel or reschedule due to illness, doctor appointments, energy levels, etc. Ideal tutors will be able to make up missed sessions on other nights of the week or with longer sessions in following weeks.

For more information please contact:

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