

Jurisdiction: Oneida County, BOCES

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive

Revised: 8/27/99

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing occupational therapy treatment to patients, residents, or students in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. The Occupational Therapist is responsible to a Senior Occupational Therapist or, if there is no senior position, to the facility administrator for the operation of the department. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Occupational Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapy Aids and clerical employees assigned to the service. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Performs occupational therapy procedures upon the written prescription or referral from a physician, utilizing various therapeutic activities which may be manual, industrial, recreational or educational design and/or adapted to help the patient, resident, or student achieve their maximum potential;

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of residents, patients, or students unless contra-indicated by professional judgement or a physician's admission notes;

Develops a treatment plan based upon his/her findings, short and long term goals in accordance with the students, patients, or residents handicapping condition and/or classification;

Records in resident, patient, or student's charts all evaluations, re-evaluations, individual education plans, progress notes, consultations and discharge summaries; in conjunction with the certified Occupational Therapy Assistant;

Participates in the selection of personnel in the occupational therapy service, assigns their duties and provides supervision;

Fabricates and applies hand splints, trains residents, patients, or students in the use of adaptive assistive devices and/or self-help techniques to achieve maximum independence;

Participates with other team members in the formulation of patient, resident, or students individual education plan;

Confers periodically with the other members of the individual education plan regarding the patient, resident, or student's total education plan;

Develops or assists in the development of occupational therapy policies and procedures;

Prepares material for the development of and instructs in the facility's in-service education program;

Maintains program records including but not limited to the service budget, statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment and number of patients, residents, or students treated.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of occupational therapy; good knowledge of the operation and minor maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in occupational therapy; working knowledge of community resources available to support or supplement the occupational therapy program; ability to evaluate, plan and execute treatments for students, residents, or patients; ability to get along well with others; good physical condition.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST CONT.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: *Possession of a New York State temporary permit to practice **OR** current valid New York State license as a Occupational Therapist.

NOTE: Verifiable part-time experience will be pro-rated toward meeting full-time experience requirements.

*A temporary appointment may be made up to the duration of the temporary permit **or** receipt of the Occupational Therapist license.