

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position with responsibility for planning and administering occupational therapy treatment for patients in accordance with the physician's orders and established rehabilitation goals and for instructing and supervising technically trained and other personnel assisting with treatment follow up. Work is performed under the direction of a supervisory occupational therapist with considerable leeway for use of independent judgment in developing rehabilitation programs for individual patients. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following as well as other related activities not described.

Evaluates patient's physical and/ or psychosocial dysfunction as related to need for occupational therapy;

Plans, administers and supervises treatment procedures involving selective use of creative, manual and industrial arts and crafts, recreational, educational and other activities, use of hand splints, assistive devices and self help techniques;

Coordinates occupational therapy with other patient care services concerned with restoration and maintenance of the patient's optimal level of useful function;

Makes recommendations for transfer of training skill and abilities from one occupation to another more consistent with the patient's present capabilities;

May work with contractors, designers and architects to provide equipment, furniture or accommodations appropriate for physically handicapped patients;

Reports to the patient's physician regarding the patient's treatment status and possible need for revision of treatment and rehabilitation objectives;

Keeps accurate records on treatment and makes written reports on patient's progress for inclusion in the patient's medical record.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, objectives and techniques of occupational therapy treatment; good knowledge of materials and equipment and their application or use in a progressive therapy program; ability to apply principles and practices of occupational therapy; ability to plan, direct and layout activities adapted to a patient's particular disability; sympathetic understanding of the sick; emotional maturity; manual dexterity; industry and dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license, and current registration, issued by the New York State Department of Education to practice as an Occupational Therapist.

ULSTER COUNTY
4550 OCC THER
Classification: Competitive
Grade: 15
Union: CSEA

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