

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work of a moderately complex nature which involves a responsibility for performing occupational therapy treatment of patients with disabilities. Therapy is performed in accordance with a physician's prescription and accepted standards in the field. General supervision is received from a higher-level therapist or a higher-level administrator. Work guidance (e.g., lead work) may be exercised over Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants and Teacher's Aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Plans, organizes and participates in occupational therapy activities;
Maintains treatment records and prepares reports;
Attends and may participate in patient conferences;
Attends in-service training as required;
Participates in student programs;
May provide education and training to staff in occupational therapy techniques;
May provide support and instruction to Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants and Teacher's Aides;
May perform evaluations in accordance with a physician's prescription.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of principles, objectives and techniques of occupational therapy; good knowledge of the construction and proper care of occupational therapy apparatus and equipment; ability to apply occupational therapy techniques; ability to provide work guidance to others; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written directions; ability to maintain records and prepare reports; ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Possession of a valid license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as an Occupational Therapist; or
2. Possession of a limited permit issued by the New York State Education Department to practice as an Occupational Therapist.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. A license or limited permit to practice as an Occupational Therapist issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department must be valid at the time of appointment and throughout the course of employment in this title. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for verification of the Occupational Therapy permit or license.
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation when fieldwork is required. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for the verification of a driver's license which may be checked throughout the course of employment in this title.