**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is technical work of a moderately complex nature which involves a responsibility for the treatment of patients with disabilities by utilizing occupational therapy treatments. General supervision is received from a higher-level therapist. Therapy is performed in accordance with a physician's prescription and accepted standards in the field. Work direction (e.g. lead work) may be exercised over a number of Occupational Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Aides and students, depending on area of assignment. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**
Plans, organizes and participates in the delivery of occupational therapy treatments; maintains treatment records and prepares reports; attends and may participates in patient conferences; attends in-service training as required; participates in student programs; provides education and training to patients, families, rehab and nursing staff; performs evaluations in accordance with physician's orders; may supervise Occupational Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants or Aides, depending on area of assignment; may provide work guidance to volunteers and students.

**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 understand and carry out complex oral and written directions; ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with others.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** A Bachelor’s degree or higher in a New York State-registered or American Occupational Therapist Association-accredited program or a post-bachelor’s certificate in Occupational Therapy from an institution acceptable to the New York State Education Department and either:

a. Possession of a license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as a registered Occupational Therapist; or

b. Possession of a limited permit issued by the New York State Education Department to practice as an Occupational therapist and possession of the above-mentioned license at the time of permanent appointment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid New York State motor vehicle license when fieldwork is required.

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