

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.