

## **SENIOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is technical work of a moderately complex nature which involves a responsibility for performing occupational therapy and assisting in the technical oversight of the treatment of patients with disabilities utilizing occupational therapy treatments. This title is distinguished from that of an Occupational Therapist in the degree of independent judgment exercised and in the complexity of assignments. 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 an administrator. Work direction (e.g. lead work) may be exercised over a number of Therapists, Aides, Horticultural Therapy Assistants and students. Does related work as directed.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Evaluates, develops and administers occupational therapy treatments for particularly difficult cases;  
Plans, organizes, and participates in occupational therapy activities;  
Maintains treatment records and prepares reports;  
Attends and participates in patient conferences;  
Attends in-service training as required;  
Participates in student programs;  
Provides education and training to patients, families, rehab staff and nursing staff;  
May provide work direction to Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants or Aides and students in occupational therapy techniques;  
May provide input to supervisors concerning staff performance, competency training needs, etc.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough 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, especially for patients with complex needs; 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 two (2) years of experience as an Occupational Therapist 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.

**PROMOTION:** One (1) year of permanent status as an Occupational Therapist.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a valid driver's license when fieldwork is required.

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