

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a skilled subprofessional position involving responsibility for assisting an Occupational Therapist in the application of treatment procedures. The work is performed under the supervision of an Occupational Therapist who evaluates the patient, develops the treatment plan, and designates treatment procedures to be followed. Patient progress and observations are reported to the Occupational Therapist who modifies the treatment to promote maximum rehabilitative and restorative measures. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Occupational Therapy Aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Carries out occupational therapy procedures by working with patients individually or in groups to provide treatment of an illness or disability and training in the activities of daily living; Confers periodically with Occupational Therapist regarding all facets of patient care and related activities; May fabricate and apply splints and assistive devices, trains patients in self-care activities, and uses varied media to improve their physical or mental functioning; Prepares and sets up occupational therapy treatment apparatus; Participates with other facility personnel in the formulation of patients total health care plans; Supervises Occupational Therapy Aides as directed by the Occupational Therapist; Observes, records and reports patients reactions to occupational therapy treatments and programs; Prepares and maintains records of treatment; Provides for and observes safety precautions during all phases of therapy; Inventories, cleans, stores and maintains supplies and equipment.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of the principles, techniques and terminology of occupational therapy treatment procedures; Working knowledge of occupational therapy materials and equipment and their appropriate application to a variety of patient disabilities; Ability to observe, record and report patients' responses to treatment; Ability to work effectively with others; Ability to plan and supervise the work of others; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Certification by the New York State Education Department as an Occupational Therapy Assistant.

NOTE: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license may be required at time of appointment and maintained during employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS: In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, candidates for appointment in school districts must obtain clearance for employment from the State Education Department prior to employment based upon a fingerprint and criminal history background check.

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