



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Summary:

The practice of Occupational Therapy includes assessment, treatment, planning, implementation, education, communication and demonstration of leadership to address the needs of patients and their families. The Occupational Therapist may be caring for infants, children, adolescents, adults and senior patients and will have the knowledge and skills to care of the physical and developmental needs of these populations.

Qualifications:

- Education: Graduate of an accredited occupational therapy program. Current licensure as an Occupational Therapist in the appropriate state/s
- Experience: One year full time experience as an Occupational Therapist
- Certification: Current CPR/BLS Certification

Duties and Responsibilities

The Occupational Therapist is expected to practice safe and ethical care within his/her scope as defined by the State Regulatory Agency under the direction of the Rehabilitation Department Head. The Occupational Therapist should understand his/her own limitations, seeking advice and assistance when necessary. Specific duties may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Assess the functional needs of the patient and sets appropriate goals for the patient
- Provides direct patient care, evaluates outcomes, consults with other specialists as required
- Reassesses patient functional needs and adjusts care plan as indicated to ensure optimal patient outcomes
- Cooperates with other personnel to achieve departmental objectives and maintain good employee relations with interdepartmental personnel
- Documents evaluations and treatment goals and plans. Regularly updates documentation and maintains all required prescriptions and signatures
- Accurately report patient status to supervisor
- Utilize resources and materials in an efficient and safe manner
- Consistently practice universal precautions
- Performs all duties promptly in a competent and caring manner
- Present a neat appearance and dress in compliance with the client facilities' policies
- While on assignment, the Occupational Therapist is responsible and accountable to their assigned patients and to the client institution. The Occupational Therapist is under the direct supervision of the Department Head or other assigned personnel and must have the ability to follow directions/instruction from his/her supervisor.

Essential Functions:

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Participates in continuing education and learning experiences to enhance and maintain current knowledge and skills for continued competence
- Perform all duties using proper body mechanics
- Frequently move/lift between 50-100 pounds, depending on assignment requirements
- Stand for long periods with frequent squatting, twisting, bending, kneeling and reaching to prepare equipment, materials or objects in order to provide patient care or maintain the patient environment
- Sensory requirements include speech for communication and vision, smell, touch and hearing to assess patient status.
- Problem solving skills
- Manual dexterity and fine motor coordination
- Ability to work in a stressful environment
- Consistent attendance is required to assure that the client facilities' needs and patient needs are met.
- To comply with all client facilities' policies, procedures and practices
- To comply with all client policies and to uphold our standards of excellence while on assignment at our client facilities.

Working Conditions:

The Occupational Therapist must understand and accept the possibility of exposure to inside environmental conditions, such as noise, infectious/communicable diseases, blood and bloodborne diseases, chemicals and/or chemical fumes, odors, gases and dusts. There is also the possibility of physical injury/verbal abuse from an out of control patient and/or visitor. Frequent exposures to distressed patients, families or visitors.
