

SENIOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work of a complex nature which involves a responsibility for performing and assisting in the technical oversight of occupational therapy treatment of patients with disabilities. 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 administrator. Supervision is exercised over a number of Occupational Therapists and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Evaluates, develops and administers occupational therapy treatments, including 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 staff in occupational therapy techniques;
Provides supervision to a number of Occupational Therapists and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants;
May provide support and instruction to Teaching Assistants and Teacher's Aides;
May provide input to supervisors concerning staff performance, training needs, etc.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge of principles, objectives and techniques of occupational therapy; thorough 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 supervise the work of others; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written directions; ability to maintain records and prepare reports; ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Two (2) years of experience as a licensed Occupational Therapist and possession of a valid license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as an Occupational Therapist.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. A license to practice as an Occupational Therapist issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department must be valid at the time of appointment and throughout the course of employment in this title. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for verification of the Occupational Therapy license.
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation when fieldwork is required. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for the verification of a driver's license which may be checked throughout the course of employment in this title.