

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

### KIND OF WORK

Beginning professional occupational therapy work.

### NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class employs professional occupational therapeutic techniques as part of the total treatment and rehabilitation of residents in a state institution. Treatment programs are determined in conference with supervisors, physicians and members of the treatment team. This employee is responsible for observing progress of individual residents and for making recommendations of programming based upon their response with emphasis upon measurable improvement. Supervision is received from a Senior Occupational Therapist or Therapist Supervisor but the employee is expected to develop a program to meet the occupational therapy needs of the individual or group with which he is working.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

(Illustrative only; Indicates kinds of work performed in the class outlined above.)

Assess residents and develop rehabilitation programs in occupational therapy.

Instructs and directs the work of assigned staff and their use in therapeutic programs.

Observes rate of patient activation and recommends means for improvement.

Reviews and charts progress reports on residents.

Participates as treatment team member.

Performs related work as required.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of occupational therapy.

Working knowledge of the dynamics of human adjustment.

Ability to:

Work with emotionally, mentally or physically handicapped.

Observe individual progress and prepare written and verbal reports.

Teach therapeutic techniques to non-professional staff.

Evaluate results of rehabilitation programs.

Stimulate and maintain the interest of participants.

Instruct through lectures, demonstrations and discussions.

Organize a treatment program for an assigned group of residents.

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Former Title(s):