

Occupational Therapist Job Responsibilities:

Facilitates development and rehabilitation of patients with mental, emotional, and physical disabilities by planning and administering medically prescribed occupational therapy.

Occupational Therapist Job Duties:

- Meets the patient's goals and needs and provides quality care by assessing and interpreting evaluations and test results; determining occupational therapy treatment plans in consultation with physicians or by prescription.
- Helps patient develop or regain physical or mental functioning or adjust to disabilities by implementing programs involving manual arts and crafts, practice in functional, prevocational, vocational, and homemaking skills, activities of daily living, and sensorimotor, educational, recreational, and social activities.
- Promotes maximum independence by selecting and constructing therapies according to individual's physical capacity, intelligence level, and interest.
- Evaluates results of occupational therapy by observing, noting, and evaluating patient's progress; recommending and implementing adjustments and modifications.
- Documents patient care services by charting in patient and department records, quarterly reports, evaluations and billing.
- Maintains patient confidence and protects hospital operations by keeping information confidential.
- Maintains professional and technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; reviewing professional publications; establishing personal networks; participating in professional societies.
- Complies with federal, state, and local legal and certification requirements by studying existing and new legislation; anticipating future legislation; enforcing adherence to requirements; advising management on needed actions.

Occupational Therapist Skills and Qualifications:

Master of Science in Occupational Therapy.

Current state license/certification.

Prefer minimum one (1) year experience but new graduates are welcome.

Excellent oral, written communication and interpersonal skills.

Willingness to provide therapy services in locations including, clinical setting and school settings.

Demonstrate competency in applying the principles, methods, materials and equipment used in specific therapy discipline.

Knowledge of accreditation standards and compliance requirements.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Ability to walk, bend, drive, stand, sit and reach constantly during an eight (8) hour day.

Ability to speak and hear to understand and give directions.

Visual and auditory acuity sufficient to assess and monitor patient needs, maintain accurate records, understand directions and recognize people.

Ability to push wheeled equipment.

Ability to lift patient using appropriate biomechanical techniques frequently throughout the course of an eight (8) hour day.

Work endurance ability to work eight (8) hour days.

