

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, SENIOR

KIND OF WORK

Advanced professional occupational therapy work.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class plans, directs and carries out a wide variety of occupational therapy programs for clients in a treatment facility or nursing home. Therapists at this level are expected to be capable of handling a wide variety of complex cases. Work involves the application of technical skills and specialized techniques of rehabilitation therapy gained through experience as an Occupational Therapist. The employee is afforded wide latitude for both planning and implementing rehabilitation therapies treatment programs. Acts as a consultant and provides leadership to occupational therapy and other professional and technical staff in creating effective occupational therapy programs. Supervision in the form of periodic reviews of results achieved is provided by a Rehabilitation Therapist Supervisor or Rehabilitation Therapies Director.

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

Plans, develops and implements occupational therapy programs for the rehabilitation of residents/clients within a treatment unit of a treatment or correctional facility.

Demonstrates special methods and techniques used in occupational therapies programs.

Attends team meetings as a representative of the rehabilitation therapies department and submits reports, including regular progress reports on all residents participating in the program.

Assists in ordering equipment and supplies and in preparing budget data for the program.

Maintains liaison with public and private agencies as well as a variety of volunteer organizations involved in the facility's rehabilitation therapies program.

Provides technical assistance to professional and technical staff as to individual techniques and overall program development.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

A wide variety of occupational therapeutic activities.

The dynamics of mental illness, developmental disabilities and/or chemical dependency.

Ability to:

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with other members of the staff, unit treatment teams and clients.

Teach therapeutic techniques to both professional and technical occupational therapy staff.

Instruct through lectures, demonstrations, and discussions.

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