

## CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

### **Position Purpose:**

The ***Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant*** provides therapeutic treatment for a pediatric and adolescent population that have feeding disorders. This treatment is provided in accordance with discipline training, Standards of Practices, and Code of Ethics of the American Occupational Therapy Association, Code of Virginia and hospital standards. Treatment procedures include, but are not limited to, physical agents, therapeutic exercise, developmental activities, neuro-physical treatment, functional activities, fabrication and use of adaptive equipment and feeding skills.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

1. Provides developmentally appropriate patient care to infants, toddlers, children and adolescents with feeding disorders in a professional manner based on professional theory and practice and in compliance with hospital and Feeding Program standards.
2. Provides safe, effective, and age appropriate treatment to children who have feeding disorders within the prescribed protocol.
3. Documents patient response to treatment and provides timely and accurate information to other members of the treatment team. Contributes to patients' integrated rehabilitation programs by participating in interdisciplinary treatment team or core meetings.
4. Effectively copes with emotional and behavioral changes exhibited by patients and provides support to family or caregivers including siblings in the treatment environment.
5. Provides for a safe environment of care.
6. Participates in program development, quality assurance and improvement activities. Attends in-services and continuing education opportunities.
7. Exhibits excellent customer service skills.

### **Qualifications:**

#### **Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:**

Must be knowledgeable of the principles of growth and development, of a range of medical disorders, conditions and injuries and the effects of injury or illness on the family unit. Must possess knowledge and skill in the administration of a variety of assessment tools, treatment plans, and equipment associated with motor disorders. Desire basic computer skills and data entry knowledge. Must be able to perform CPR.

#### **Education and or Experience:**

Must possess at least bachelor's degree as an Occupational Therapist Assistant, be certified by AOTA.

**Licensure:** Must be licensed by the Virginia Board of Medicine, or be eligible for licensure.

#### **Physical Requirements:**

- Must be capable of regular and predictable attendance onsite.
- Capable of independent moderate lifting up to 40 pounds.
- Able to document patient progress through dictation, computer or in physical records.
- Able to verbally communicate with a diverse patient population, teammates, and external customers. Able to understand and process auditory information.
- Able to walk, stand, kneel, sit on floor, bend and crouch continuously. Able to maintain balance continuously.