

Occupational Therapist

Position Purpose:

The Occupational Therapist provides therapeutic treatment and activities for a pediatric and adolescent population in accordance to discipline training, Standards of Practices, and Code of Ethics of the American Occupational Therapy Association, and hospital standards. The Occupational Therapist performs evaluations, develops a plan of care, implements therapeutic activities, educates patients and caregivers related to the evaluation findings and treatments plan to maximize therapeutic gain. Types of evaluations include vital signs, wounds, range of motion, sensation, strength, tone, balance, reflexes/reactions, fine motor development, posture, pain and dysfunction, activities of daily living, visual perception, visual-motor, feeding abnormalities, sensory motor and sensory integration evaluations and adaptive equipment needs. Treatment procedures include physical agents, therapeutic exercise, developmental activities, neuro-physical treatment, functional activities, fabrication and use of adaptive equipment, feeding skills, wound care, soft tissue mobilization, visual perceptual and motor treatment, wheelchair mobility, fabrication of splints, sensory motor, sensory integration, and serial casting.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provides developmentally appropriate patient care to infants, toddlers, children and adolescents with a wide range of conditions and limitations in an efficient and professional manner based on professional theory and practice and in compliance with the standards of the hospital.
- Documents patient response to treatment; provides timely and accurate information to treatment team members. Contributes to integrated rehab programs through interdisciplinary team participation.
- Effectively copes with emotional and behavioral changes exhibited by patients and provides support to family or caregivers including siblings in the treatment environment.
- Provides for a safe environment of care.
- Supervises volunteers' and students' interaction with patients and families.
- Participates in program development, quality assurance and improvement activities. Attends in-services and continuing education opportunities.
- Exhibits excellent customer service

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. Basic computer skills and data entry knowledge are desirable.

Education and/or Experience: Must possess at least bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Licensure: Licensure through the Virginia Board of Medicine required; or must be eligible for licensure.

Physical Requirements:

- Must be capable of consistent and predictable attendance.
- Able to carry out CPR.
- Capable of independent moderate lifting, to 75 lbs.
- Able to document patient progress through dictation or in records.
- Able to communicate with a diverse patient population, teammates, and external customers.
- Able to walk, stand, kneel, sit on floor, crouch, etc. for a majority of work time and to life, position patients, and push/pull moderately heavy treatment devices.