

## **ART THERAPIST**

Code No. 4-18-472  
COMPETITIVE

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is a professional position in a school district or health care facility responsible for evaluating, planning, and providing art therapy treatment to patients or students with special needs. The employee reports directly to and works under the general supervision of an administrative staff member. Staff supervision is not a responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (All need not be performed in a given position. Other related activities may be performed although not listed.)

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of students or patients;

Participates with other personnel in case conferences to discuss and formulate student/patients' total care plans;

Prepares, plans and implements art therapy intervention to individual students/patients or small groups in an educational/medical setting;

Maintains and creates all mandated and internal records related to art therapy including, but not limited to, student/patient progress notes, Individualized Education Plan Goals and Objectives, and other communications with parents, family members, administrative staff and outside therapists;

Assists classroom/facility staff in developing instructional/behavioral strategies as related to the needs of the students/patients;

Assists in the development of art therapy policies and procedures;

Assists in the development of, and instructs and participates in, school/facility in-service education programs and other educational programs;

Maintains art therapy equipment and supplies.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of art therapy; good knowledge of socio-economic factors affecting student/patients' disabilities; good knowledge of community resources applicable to art therapy; ability to conduct art therapy assessments; ability to teach and guide students/patients/families in art therapy techniques; ability to prepare, plan and implement art therapy intervention; ability to keep and maintain art therapy applicable records and reports; ability to assist other staff in the application of art therapy techniques to instructional/behavioral plans; ability to design and carry out effective treatment plans; ability to procure and maintain art therapy equipment and supplies; ability to establish and maintain effective professional relationships; ability to communicate effectively to students/patients individually and in groups; good judgment; resourcefulness; initiative; sensitivity; tact; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Master's Degree in Art Therapy, or a Master's Degree in a related field that included at least twenty-one (21) semester credits in Art Therapy.

**ADOPTED:** May 6, 2004