

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST TRAINEE

Code No. 3-08-326

COMPETITIVE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a trainee position involving providing professional occupational therapy treatment to patients under direct supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist. The employee reports directly to and work under the general supervision of a licensed Occupational Therapist or other professional staff member. Does related work as required.

Trainee appointments are for a period of one (1) year following which incumbents receiving satisfactory ratings and obtaining a license as an occupational therapist, will be advanced to the title of Occupational Therapist without further examination. *Incumbents who do not successfully complete the one year training period, or fail to obtain a license as an Occupational Therapist will be removed from the position.*

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

Under the direction of a licensed Occupational Therapist, performs the following:

Performs occupational therapy procedures utilizing an exercise or creative activity treatment program designed and/or adapted to correct or improve a disability;

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients;

Develops a treatment plan based upon findings, short and long term rehabilitation goals and in accordance with the physician's diagnosis, prescription or referral;

Records on patients' charts all evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultations and discharge summaries;

Fabricates and applies hand splints, trains patients in the use of adaptive assistive devices and/or self-help techniques to achieve maximum independence;

Participates with other facility personnel in the formulation of patients' total care plans;

Participates and assists in the development of educational programs and instructs in-service education programs;

Maintains program records;

Assists in ordering supplies and equipment for the unit;

Participates in research activities and the development of new treatment programs and techniques in conjunction with other staff and physicians.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of occupational therapy; good knowledge of the operation and minor maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in occupational therapy; working knowledge of community resources available to support or supplement the occupational therapy program; ability to evaluate, plans and execute treatments; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a limited permit in Occupational Therapy issued by the New York State Education Department.

ADOPTED: October 2, 2008

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Depending on position duties, candidates for employment with Monroe County are required to pass a pre-employment drug test.