

## **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

### **DEFINITION**

Under direction, to provide on-going evaluation, treatment, planning and direct or consultative therapist services to pediatric population with CCS eligible orthopedic conditions ranging from mild to severe; and to do related work as required.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is a specialized single-position classification for the development and performance of occupational therapy for children covered by California Crippled Children Services benefit.

### **REPORTS TO**

Director, Public Health Nursing.

### **CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED**

None

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Acts as an integral team member with physician, medical therapy staff, school personnel, and related services; develops evaluation and provides treatment for children with deficits in daily living activities, upper extremity function, and perceptual motor skills; gives emotional and psychological comfort by helping patients with particular adjustment problems; makes or modifies adaptive equipment; prepares reports.

### **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; lift and move object weighing up to 25 pounds; corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

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### **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is usually performed in a clinic environment; continuous contact with staff and the public.

### **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

#### Knowledge of:

- ! Skeletal anatomy.
- ! Principles and methods of Occupational Therapy.
- ! Kinesiology.
- ! Physiology of exercise.
- ! Operation of related equipment.
- ! Neuroanatomy.

#### Ability to:

- ! Skillfully administer occupational therapy.
- ! Communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- ! Interpret occupational therapy to nurses, aides, parents and patients.
- ! Prepare reports and keep records as required by California Children Services regulations.
- ! Maintain confidentiality of material.
- ! Coordinate assigned activities with community organizations and other government agencies.
- ! Work responsibly with physicians and other members of the medical team.
- ! Effectively represent the Health Department in contacts with the public, community organizations, and other government agencies.
- ! Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with patients and others.

Training and Experience: Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

Special Requirements: Current registration with the National Registry of Occupational Therapists. Previous pediatric experience is required.