

A & D HOME HEALTH CARE

JOB DESCRIPTION

REGISTERED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

JOB SUMMARY:

To provide, under the general supervision of the director of nursing and according to established policies and procedures of the agency, diagnostic evaluations and treatment to assigned patients, to help patients reach maximum performance level, and to use these skills to the fullest to function in the community within the limits of their capabilities. Under general supervision, to establish own priorities and work plan to conform with agency policies and procedures. Supervise certified occupational therapy assistants and occupational therapy aides in patient treatment.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Administers and writes evaluations of assigned patients in accordance with agency policy and procedures.
2. Maintains timely and accurate patient records and reports.
3. Provides consultation in areas such as environmental design, adaptive equipment, proper positioning of patients to prevent contractors and splinting.
4. Designs and administers therapy plans of care, based upon physician's orders & to increase patients' levels of functioning. Uses therapeutic exercises and activities to improve or maintain strength, range of motion, and fine-motor coordination. Instructs patients in adapted techniques and use of adaptive equipment for meal preparation, home management, dressing, feeding, and other self-care skills. Trains patients in the use of upper-extremity prosthetic devices to resume previous daily routines. Participates in home assessments.
5. Provides therapy for neurological integration; administers sensor-motor integration treatment techniques and visual perceptual-motor remediation programs. Uses activities to increase developmental levels of patients. Designs and provides individualized therapy for adult learning-disabled patients.
6. Designs and fabricates splints as specified by doctors' prescriptions; designs and/or fabricates slings and adaptive equipment to meet the needs of patients and/or their families.

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7. Administers treatment programs to traumatic brain-injured patients. Uses activities to improve judgment skills, reality orientation, and organizational skills.
8. Provides prevention therapy to maintain functional skills; instructs patients in energy conservation, joint protection, safety techniques for sensory loss, and transferring and visual field deficits; instructs patients' families in personal care for patients, especially proper transfer techniques to avoid back strain.
9. Administers prevocational program to prepare patients to return to or enter a work setting. Provides activities to assess patients' organizational skills, attention spans, cognitive abilities, coordination (fine and gross-motor), and adaptive-equipment needs.
10. Keeps abreast of research and new techniques. Attends appropriate professional and educational meetings.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

1. Graduate of accredited occupational therapy program with bachelor's degree or equivalent.
2. Current registration through the American Occupational Therapy Association.
3. One year of experience preferred.

***I have reviewed my job description and agree to perform all duties mentioned to the best of my ability; I understand that my job duties may change as the needs of the agency change. I further agree to notify my immediate supervisor if I am unable to complete any of my job duties in a timely manner.**

Employee's Signature

Date