

Contract Occupational Therapist

Reports to:

EC Coordinator, School Director

Job Goals:

Occupational Therapy is a service provided by a licensed Occupational Therapist to address the functional needs of an individual. These services are designed to improve, restore or maintain the individual's functional ability to perform tasks in educational settings. In an educational setting, Occupational therapy services are provided to enable identified special education students ages 3-21 to benefit from special education or regular education in the least restrictive environment.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Be a currently licensed Occupational Therapist (OTR/L) in the state of North Carolina.

RECOMMENDED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Clinical fieldwork experience in a school system or other pediatric area
- Continuing education in the past year as required by North Carolina state licensure, that is related to pediatrics or school system practice
- Demonstrates knowledge about the federal and state education rules and regulations which impact an Occupational Therapist's role in providing services to special education students

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Documents and interprets screening and/or evaluation results
- Coordinate occupational therapy programs of students
- Adaptation of environments; both human and physical
- Instruct student, family and staff in safe use/care of adaptive equipment and devices
- Instruct parents, teachers and other staff in areas relating to the student's therapeutic program
- Suggest modifications and procedures to ensure elimination of architectural barriers, provision of classroom modifications and safe transportation
- Coordinate OT services with school staff and other community agencies.
- Maintain an appropriate, confidential system of documentation for student referrals, record keeping, evaluation/re-evaluation results, treatment progress and recommendations
- Participate in meetings related to evaluation, placement and programming for students

- Coordinate with teachers and staff for students to receive OT services
- Determine treatment priorities, schedules, and procedures for providing OT services

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- Adhere to the occupational therapy code of ethics
- Participate in continuing education and professional growth objectives
- Integrate current professional knowledge with practice
- Abide by established laws, rules, and regulations, and LEA policies