

CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR
Occupational Therapist

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Conducts a program of occupational therapy as a phase of treatment and/or rehabilitation of the mentally or physically handicapped; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This class makes assessments of client's need, participates in the development of program plans and carries out a program of occupational therapy with the client. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Parent-Infant Supervisor.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (illustrative only):

- Conducts initial assessments of client's capabilities and follows up with subsequent evaluations;
- Participates in the development of treatment plans;
- Provides ongoing counseling and treatment;
- Visits clients at home to conduct assessment, to provide treatment, or to motivate clients to receive services;
- Maintains clinical and administrative recording as required;
- Provides training to parents and family members;
- Attends staff meetings;
- Expands own knowledge by such means as academic study, independent reading, and attending outside conferences, workshops and seminars;
- Performs related work as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of occupational therapy and ability to apply them in the treatment of client population to which assigned; knowledge of mental and physical handicaps; good interpersonal skills, which include the ability to empathize, demonstrate respect, communicate, reflect feelings and confront constructively; ability to relate freely to and work effectively with clients and professionals from all levels of the community; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to keep records and prepare reports.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy, a Virginia license for Occupational Therapy by the Board of Medicine and experience working with the population to which assigned; OR, any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.