

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
Job Description (Essential Functions)

Education/Licensure:

- Associate Degree in Occupational Therapy from an American Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) accredited institution
- Licensed (or eligibility for licensure) in the state of Louisiana

Primary Performance Responsibilities:

- Abide by the Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Louisiana State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners
- Understand boundaries between the supervising OT and OTA
- Make recommendations to supervising OT regarding changes in treatment plan
- Recognize emergency patient conditions and respond accordingly; summoning appropriate help when needed and providing emergency care
- Able to perform CPR in situations that may require it in the clinical situation and/or job related situation
- Communicate appropriately and effectively in the English language both orally and in writing at the required level for patients, families, and other health care professionals
- Be able to interpret and use nonverbal communication as part of the therapeutic process
- Be able to conduct prescribed treatment to individuals as well as in a group format
- Be able to use perceptual, cognitive and decision-making skills for effective patient communication and treatment
- Maintain effective communication (verbal and nonverbal) with patients with a variety of disabilities in all age group, as well as with families and co-workers
- Participate in facility meetings regarding patient care and is responsible for providing pertinent input
- Provide professional and technical services while experiencing the stresses of busy schedules, emergent demands and a distracting environment