

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AIDE

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under direct supervision of the Registered Occupational Therapist, assists in the teaching of manual arts and crafts to patients, both bedridden and ambulatory. Assignments are usually initiated by oral or written instructions of Occupational Therapist or Physician. Supervision is not a function of this class. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Assists in the instruction of patients in knitting, crocheting, embroidering, weaving, and sewing;

Assists in the instruction of patients in the making of pottery, leather goods, wicker and reed baskets, and wood assembled products;

Assists in the instruction of patients in painting with water colors, oils, and charcoal;

Assists patients in carrying out instructions of Occupational Therapist;

Helps maintain interest of patients;

Assists in setting up supplies to be sent to the various wards for patients' use;

Maintains a record of materials and equipment borrowed and returned by patients;

Sorts donations of materials from individuals or civic groups;

Arranges and maintains showcase of finished articles;

Marks articles and assists with the arrangement of articles for the annual sale;

Finishes articles left unfinished by patients.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Ability to stimulate and maintain patients' interest in their projects; ability to get along well with Rehabilitation staff and patients; good judgment in dealing with patients; initiative in understanding assigned work; emotional maturity; physical condition Commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Either (a) High school or equivalency diploma and 6 months of patient care experience; or (b) four years of hospital experience, 6 months of which included patient care experience; or (c) any equivalent combination of training and experience.

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