



UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
HEALTH SCIENCES

POSITION: OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

LOCATION: 540 S. COLLEGE AVENUE, SUITE 160-PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC

PAY: \$ 55 PER HOUR

CONTEXT OF THE JOB

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES (Bulleted List)

- Participate in direct patient-care in the University of Delaware Physical Therapy Clinic. Evaluates and plans occupational therapy program for patients requiring occupational therapy. This includes evaluation of musculoskeletal and neuromuscular deficits and the administration of appropriated physical agents, exercise, neuromuscular and manual therapy techniques.
- Mentoring of junior physical therapy staff members in Residency and Fellowship Programs. Provides expertise and clinical direction to junior staff therapists related to treatment diagnosis, intervention and documentation.
- Assists in the administration of project development and implementation in areas of Occupational therapy development.
- Communication with other professionals in areas of clinical expertise, education, and professional mentoring. Interact with and educate other therapists in areas of occupational therapy practice.
- Partake in interprofessional student mentorship relating to the specific area of practice.
- Conduct detailed assessments of patients' physical, mental, and emotional needs.
- Observe and analyze patients' ability to perform everyday tasks, such as mobility, upper extremity use, dressing, cooking, or using technology.
- Develop individualized treatment plans based on the assessment results, goals, and patient preferences.
- Collaborate with patients and families to set measurable goals and objectives for rehabilitation.
- Design exercises, activities, and strategies to address functional limitations.
- Provide hands-on therapy to help patients develop, recover, or maintain the skills required for daily activities.
- Teach patients to use adaptive equipment or assistive devices (e.g., prosthetics, wheelchairs, modified tools).
- Implement cognitive and motor skills training and other interventions aimed at enhancing independence.
- Educate patients, families, and caregivers on the importance of therapy, lifestyle changes, and injury prevention.
- Maintain accurate, up-to-date patient records, including progress reports, goals, and outcomes.
- Document therapy sessions and report patient progress to relevant stakeholders (e.g., physicians, insurance companies).
- Update and adjust treatment plans as needed based on patient progress or setbacks.
- Work closely with other healthcare professionals, such as physical therapists, doctors, nurses, and speech therapist, to provide holistic care.

- Participate in interdisciplinary team meetings to discuss patient care and outcomes.

QUALIFICATIONS (Bulleted List)

- A Master's or Doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy from an accredited program.
- State licensure or certification (requirements vary by state or country).

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS (Bulleted List)

- Previous experience in a specific setting (e.g., pediatric, geriatric, mental health, upper extremity or neurological rehabilitation).
- Certification in specialized areas (e.g., pediatric occupational therapy, hand therapy, driving rehabilitation).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Resumes should be sent via email to Airelle Giordano at the following email address: aohunter@udel.edu