



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT



Is this career right for you?

Do you have...

- A desire to work closely with people to help make a difference in their lives
- Flexibility – ability to teach and adapt
- Good communication skills
- Strong organization and time management skills
- Respect for the values and beliefs of diverse populations
- Compassion and sensitivity
- Confidence and leadership abilities

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS, under the direction of occupational therapists and a formal rehabilitation plan, provide rehabilitative services in order to help people of all ages prevent, lessen, or overcome physical, cognitive, psychological or psychosocial impairments from accident, injury, disease, developmental disabilities and more.

Routine Responsibilities:

- Prepare materials and assemble equipment to be used during treatment
- Monitor an individual's activities to make sure that they are performed correctly and to provide encouragement
- Record client's progress for the occupational therapist. If the treatment is not having the intended effect, or the client is not improving as expected, the therapist may alter the treatment program in hopes of obtaining better results.
- Devise a substitute method for holding items such as a spoon, fork or pen, to enable a person who has lost grip strength to function independently
- Design, fabricate, apply or train in the use of assistive technology or orthotic devices, and training in the use of prosthetic devices

Salary Range

\$30,000 to \$42,500

Educational Requirements

2-Year Academic Degree

Career Steps

(Where Can I Go From Here?)

Physical Therapy Assistant

Occupational Therapist

Physical Therapist