UNION JOB DESCRIPTION

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JOB TITLE:	Occupational Therapist-Day Hospital	JOB DESCRIPTION NO.:	60359
CLASSIFICATION:	Occupational Therapist P1	GRID/PAY LEVEL:	H-J-P1
COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT:	Health Science Professionals	HSCIS NO.:	38901
UNION:	HSA	JOB/CLASS CODE:	38901
PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT:	Continuing Health Services/ MHAS	BENCHMARKS (If Applicable):	
REPORTING TO:	Program Coordinator		
FACILITY/SITE:	RJH		

JOB SUMMARY:

In accordance with the Vision, Purpose, and Values, and strategic direction of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (Island Health), patient and staff safety is a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the requirement to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position.

Reporting to the Program Coordinator, and under the administrative direction the Program Coordinator, and as part of a multidisciplinary team under the Clinical Director, responsible for providing group and individual interventions for patients/clients residing in the community or inpatient settings. The program delivers care to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness within the context of a psychosocial rehabilitation model. Programs assist patients/clients in the management of their illness and promote healthy community living.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Delivers, develops and evaluates group treatment programs in collaboration with staff from hospital and community settings.

2. Screens all referrals for appropriateness of care. Assesses patients of assigned caseload by conducting planned occupational therapy assessments and interventions, providing guidance and direction to other program staff as required; identifies problems/needs; plans, develops and implements individual and group treatment programs; conducts services in both hospital and community settings.

3. Follows the direction of psychiatrists to implement new psychiatric treatment concepts; maintains liaison with referring physician(s) and other medical professionals regarding patients'/clients' treatment; coordinates treatment programs with other departments and services.

4. Documents patient/client care activities on health care record according to established guidelines. Provides input into the multidisciplinary patient/client care plan and discharge plan; may recommend admission to hospital or discharge from program.

5. Records and/or reports patient/client treatment progress to appropriate medical professionals and outside agencies as required.

6. Attends and participates in appropriate multidisciplinary conferences, discharge planning conferences, medical rounds, service and department meetings.

7. Participates in staff orientation and education programs as appropriate.

8. Participates in departmental Quality Assurance and Improvement activities and implements changes as directed.

9. Coordinates and integrates Day Hospital programs with other rehabilitation services in the Capital Health Region.

10. Performs other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Training And Experience

Graduation from a recognized university program in Occupational Therapy. Current licensure in a practicing category with the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC as an Occupational Therapist. Eligible for membership in the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT).

Skills And Abilities

- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

- Demonstrated planning and instructional skills.

- Ability to organize individual patient treatment programs.

- Ability to work cooperatively with other professional disciplines as part of a team.

- Physical ability to carry out the duties of the position.

- Clinical understanding of affective disorders, schizophrenia and other serious psychiatric disorders and their treatment using a psychosocial rehabilitation model of care.

- Ability to work effectively with a wide range of community and facility contacts.

- Ability to plan and deliver group treatment programs.