

Position Description Occupational Therapist

OT Do Vision statement:

To provide a high-quality, affordable, evidence-based occupational therapy services that are client-focused and enable participation in everyday life.

Occupational therapy is a client-centred health profession concerned with promoting health and well-being through occupation. The primary goal of occupational therapy is to enable people to participate in the activities of everyday life. Occupational therapists achieve this by working with people and communities to enhance their ability to engage in the occupations they want to, need to, or are expected to do, or by modifying the occupation or the environment to better support their occupational engagement (WFOT 2012).

Services

OTDo is a new company established to provide occupational therapy services to people that they need and want, which are delivered in their lived environment at a cost they can afford utilising third party payment options where possible. New ways of delivering services will be explored as the organisation becomes established. Initial services provided will include:

- NDIS occupational therapy assessments for persons who have received a package of care
- Assessments for persons wishing to establish their eligibility for the NDIS
- Other NDIS services
- Focussed psychological strategies under the Better Access to Mental Health Program
 - Medicare rebates for patients with a Mental Health Treatment Plan (Items 80125, 80130, 80135 and 80140 – Individual Focussed Psychological Strategies services provided by an eligible occupational therapist & Item 80145 – Group Focussed Psychological Strategies Services provided by an eligible occupational therapist)
- Occupational therapy services funded by Medicare for patients with chronic conditions and complex care needs via a GP Management Plan and Team Care Arrangement (Items 10950 – 10970)
- Occupational therapy treatment or counselling/education to help persons holding a DVA white or gold card maximise physical, psychological, social and vocational abilities that have been disrupted because of accident or illness or congenital conditions. Treatment may include the prescription of appropriate rehabilitation aids.
- Sensory interventions both individual and group
- All occupational therapy interventions will be available via self-funded payment/ health insurance extras cover
- Training of other health professionals, particularly, occupational therapists
- Occupational therapy student supervision
- Participation in research projects
- Development of innovative, cost-effective approaches to delivering well-established and emerging interventions
- Carer training

Business location:

- Clients will mainly be drawn from the Southside of Brisbane and the Gold Coast, but Therapists will travel to other areas as required

- Therapists will work from home, clients will be seen primarily in their own homes and where necessary in the community in coffee shops, libraries etc.
- Our office is currently located at 24 Mathews Street, Bethania 4205.

Names of owners: Occupational Therapists Do (OTDo)- Private Company Limited by Guarantee.

Founding and current directors are:

- Cathy Hill
- Felicity Fay

Occupational Therapist Responsibilities

OTDo is in the start-up stage of development. The main purposes of this role are to assist the company achieve its initial goals and directives:

1. To develop efficient services, minimising paperwork and maximising face-to-face contact with our clients.
2. To provide efficient and timely communication with clients, their families and other service providers by streamlining written communication of essential information.
3. To become experts in understanding the language, structure and process of the NDIS, My Aged Care, DVA and other systems of care.
4. To be experts at understanding funding sources for clients to enhance their participation in the community.
5. To develop effective and efficient pathways of care for clients that reflect funding models but remain client focused to achieve occupational outcomes.
6. To measure outcomes of the services we provide

In addition, you will be required to become familiar with our client group by accompanying occupational therapists on home visits, assisting with documentation of visits and assisting with writing up reports to third parties.

Requirements

- Proven working experience as an occupational therapist or occupational therapy student
- Excellent knowledge of principles and practices of occupational therapy
- Hands-on experience with computer programs and creative media
- Familiarity with ADL evaluation tools
- Ability to manage patients with different types of personalities
- Current knowledge of treatment practices per discipline and drive to continually learn and grow in the profession
- Professional behaviour
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Registration with AHPRA including limited registration
- BS degree or equivalent in occupational therapy