

Occupational Therapist

Our vision: *People and communities have strong mental health and wellbeing.*
Our purpose: *Partnering with clients and carers to deliver mental health and wellbeing services that enhance quality of life.*
Our values: *Hope, Creativity and innovation, Client focus, Making a difference, Integrity.*

Position Information

Purpose	The Occupational Therapist (OT) works as part of the National Psycho Social Program (NPSP) program. The OT focuses on supporting people with mental ill health access the NDIS and other mental health services by undertaking appropriate assessments, related rehabilitation and therapy services. The role may also provide occupational therapy specific supports to other programs delivered by Mind.
Position reports to	Team Leader
Mind classification level	Health Professionals and Support Services Award Level 4
Stream	Sub-Acute - NPSP
About the service	<p>The National Psycho Social Program (NPSP) is delivered by Mind as part of a consortium with Neami National (lead agency), Life Without Barriers, Mind Australia, Mission Australia, and Skylight Mental Health. The program supports individuals with mental health issues within a framework of recovery that is focussed on strengths and capabilities, including supporting clients to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify, develop, and maintain a sustainable and purposeful lifestyle that has meaning and value to them. - Actively participate in community life, manage day-to-day activities, and reduce social isolation. - Enhance their independent living skills and establishing or maintaining a positive connection with employment services, family supports, housing, social activities and other essential support networks based on individual need.
Position description effective date	September 2021

Responsibilities

Mind values the experience and contribution of people from all cultures, genders, sexualities, bodies, abilities, ages, spiritualities and backgrounds. We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with a lived experience of mental ill-health and recovery, people living with disability, those who identify as LGBTIQ and applicants from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



<p>Clinical skills and knowledge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply clinical experience in the field of Occupational Therapy in accordance with the discipline specific Code of Ethics and the National Practice Standards. • Deliver high level independent clinical services to customers with mental illness and other disabilities, ensuring liaison with relevant others including families, carers and stakeholders. • Demonstrate clinical leadership in advocacy to meet the needs of customers with complex needs and their family/ carers with relevant government and non-government agencies ensuring the rights and safeguards of vulnerable adults are upheld. • Apply independent professional judgement, based on valid and reliable evidence and contribute to the development of best practice within the team. • Contribute to the development of clinical practice procedures and protocols, for both the discipline and the multi-disciplinary team, that support the continuum of care. • Possess a high standard of professional conduct, respectful communication and commitment to work collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary team.
<p>Capacity building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity of the customer, local practitioners, staff and family members and provide implementation and appropriate training to support staff. Respectfully provide expert clinical advice and consultation to a variety of stakeholders internal and external to Mind.
<p>NDIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support NDIS readiness and access for customers - provide advice and support regarding the NDIS and inform customers, carers and other professionals of the opportunities offered by the scheme to ensure customers with complex care support needs are understood. • Complete NDIS plan review reports.
<p>Professional development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake relevant training and professional development, including regular supervision, appropriate to the primary work of the service and Mind. • Participate in reflective practice.
<p>Accountability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct yourself in accordance with the Mind Code of Conduct and Mind policies and procedures which may change from time to time. • Proactively support Mind's vision of supporting people facing mental health challenges to live well and be socially included, in accordance with the Mind values.
<p>Workplace health, safety and wellbeing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute actively to the maintenance of a safe workplace. • Ensure all safety issues are reported and addressed as they arise.



Lived experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to a workplace that values lived experience and the inclusion of consumers, carers and families in the work we do.
Cultural safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to a culturally safe workforce and service environment for staff, consumers, carers and volunteers from all cultures, genders, sexualities, bodies, abilities, spiritualities, ages and backgrounds.



Position Requirements	
Qualifications required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tertiary degree qualification in Occupational Therapy or other health related field as designated by Mind. • Ability to obtain registration with AHPRA.
Knowledge, skills and experience required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience and expertise in working directly with people with mental health issues, complex needs, and with their families and carers. • Demonstrated ability to plan and prioritise to meet customer service delivery requirements. • Excellent customer service skills. • Demonstrated experience in documenting client notes, reporting and working with a variety of electronic systems. • Proven ability to work autonomously and as a member of a team. • Demonstrated understanding of available community services networks and supports. • An understanding of the NDIS and how to support clients to access the scheme is essential. • Expectation of travel as required to provide service within the community to referred clients.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to work in Australia. • Current valid driver's licence. • Current NDIS Worker Screening Check Clearance. • Working with Children Check or equivalent (Blue Card - QLD).

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