



# Occupational Therapist

## School Aged Children

**Location:** Squamish, BC

**Position posted on:** August 04, 2022

**Start date:** September 6, 2022

**Hours of Work:** 7 hrs/week

**Compensation:** \$38.56/hr

**Closing Date:** Open until filled

**End date:** November 08, 2022

**The Occupational Therapist** provides direct therapy services to children. Assesses, plans and carries out individually designed programs to help the child live, play and work with optimum physical functioning. The Occupational Therapist uses and promotes a family-centred approach and mentors parents/caregivers in helpful strategies. The Occupational Therapist is a dedicated and knowledgeable member of the comprehensive children's support team.

### Qualifications:

1. Bachelor degree in Occupational Therapy or combined Physical/Occupational Therapy.
2. Registration with the College of Occupational Therapy of BC and eligible for membership with the Canadian Occupational Therapy Association.
3. Paediatric experience (minimum one year preferred).
4. Valid driver's license.

### Job Skills and Abilities:

1. Communication skills, both verbal and written.
2. Good interpersonal skills.
3. Organizational abilities.
4. Ability to work independently and as a member of the Child Development Team.

### Responsibilities:

- A. Clinical
  1. Conducts assessments of children, develops individualized treatment plans and strategies based on the child's requirements and the daily living environment. Provides ongoing support and evaluation. Initiates or supports referrals for additional services from other professionals.
  2. Organizes and participates in team meetings/case reviews and individual planning sessions for children.
  3. Maintains open and positive communication with parents, requests input and participation of parents in the development of the child's programs. Meets

with parents regularly to discuss assessments and progress. Makes home visits. Assists parents in advocating for programs and services they feel are in the best interest of the child and their family.

4. Counsels, guides, teaches or assists families, teachers and others implementing treatment plans and strategies and cautions on any physical limitations.
5. Recommends and/or provides splints, adapted equipment, self-care, play and learning materials to the child/family, as appropriate.
6. Strives to maintain an awareness of developments in the field of paediatric occupational therapy and participates actively in training opportunities on a regular basis or as is deemed necessary.

**B. Community**

1. Participates as required in the transition process for children transferring to other community programs to ensure a positive experience and continuity of service.
2. Liaises and works collaboratively with physicians, other professionals, therapists, agencies and facilities including Ministry staff. Promotes a family centred approach to case management. Promotes a well-coordinated team approach to agency and inter-agency service delivery in the best interests of the family and the community.
3. Participates in relevant committees, working groups, associations, etc. as directed.
4. Provides information and education, individually or in group settings, to parents, co-workers and the community, relating to prevention, early intervention, diagnosis and treatments of various developmental delays and health conditions.

**C. Administrative**

1. Maintains records, documentation and reporting as outlined in the Program Operating Manual.
2. Assists the Community Living Services Manager/Director with maintenance and revision of the Program Operating Manual.
3. Other related duties as required.

**Requirements:**

1. Criminal Record Review.
2. Signed Confidentiality form.
3. Approved reference check.
4. Driver's Abstract.
5. Proof of full vaccination against Covid-19.

**Perks:** Casual dress, flexible hours, paid sick days, and more.

**Compensation:** As per the BCGEU Collective Agreement, the wage is **\$38.56 per hour**.

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