

JOB POSTING: Occupational Therapist, Seniors Mental Health Behaviour Support Service

Temporary Full Time (Up to 15 Months)

Location: Community KFLA and HPE

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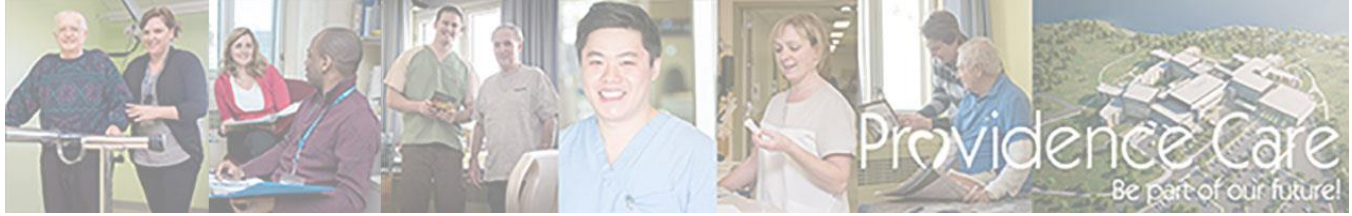
The Occupational Therapist under the general direction of the Community Team Manager will work as part of an inter-professional regional specialty Seniors Mental Health Behaviour Support Services (SMH BSS) team. The role of the Occupational Therapist provides assessment and consultation services as part of the full spectrum of Seniors Mental Health Behavioural Support Services in the SE LHIN. The OT is responsible for functional assessment, non-pharmacological treatment recommendations and short-term follow up with the goal of enhancing the quality of life of older persons with complex cognitive mental health issues and/or responsive behaviours living in the designated geographical area. The OT-SMH BSS collaborates with interdisciplinary team members, clients and their care partners, other care providers and community partners to optimize the client's function in their preferred living environment. The OT-SMH BSS participates in profession-specific and inter-professional activities that are person and family centered, contribute to quality and safety and operational efficiency, while promoting professional and program development.

This specialty OT service is accessed when occupational performance issues are related to a person's mental health issue or responsive behaviours

The OT-SMH BSS is an integrated team member of the SMH-BSS, with consultation services available on request to Geriatric Mental Health Outreach (LL&G).

Role Responsibilities

- Provide short term intervention to improve occupational performance e.g. energy conservation education and/or relaxation education to improve sleep and decrease fatigue, activities and/or strategies to improve safety in the person's living environment, strategies to remember daily events and/or family members, prescribe assistive devices, use of Montessori Methods for Dementia/Dementiability strategies to facilitate activity participation, use of caregiver-based strategies such as Positive Approaches to Care.
- Provide education to caregivers and family on how to enable client to maximize independence while mitigating risks
- Provide consultation in the assessment, management and development of behavioural care plans for complex clients (e.g. seniors, people with acquired brain injuries, people living with developmental disabilities)
- Provide client-specific strategies and education to reduce or prevent the development of responsive behaviours
- Provide comprehensive specialized OT assessment and consultation for identified client population in assigned geographic area



- Work in collaboration with Seniors/Geriatric Mental Health (SMH/GMH) Outreach teams providing specialized OT assessment according to client mental health needs, including components of occupational performance

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, from a recognized School of Occupational Therapy
- Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy preferred
- Current unrestricted registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in care of the older adult and/or seniors mental health or similar related experience
- Minimum of 3 years of experience working in a community setting or equivalent specialized education in seniors mental health and experience working independently with seniors living in the community
- Education completed or experience working in the PIECES framework is an asset
- Certification in Gentle Persuasive Approaches, Positive Approaches to Care and/or Montessori Methods for Dementia/Dementiability are an asset.
- Active authorizer status for Ministry Of Health and Long Term Care Assistive Devices Program preferred.
- Experience working in a wide range of community settings including long-term care homes and clients' homes preferred
- Demonstrated recent experience in working in collaboration with families and community support services
- Experience in assessing educational needs and / or developing educational programs for colleagues, service providers, clients and family members.
- Community development experience, preferred.

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