



Autism Queensland is a not-for-profit organisation with a vision for a life of participation, opportunity and choice for people on the autism spectrum.

Position Description

Occupational Therapist

Team	School
Location	Sunnybank
Manager	School Principal
Classification	Professional – <i>Autism Queensland Limited Employee Agreement</i>
Employment Status	Permanent Full-time

Purpose

The purpose of this position as Occupational Therapist is to provide high quality, timely occupational therapy (OT) services to children and young people with autism spectrum disorders to maximise function, performance of activities of daily living and participation in meaningful activities.

Responsibilities

- Work with students on the autism spectrum, their families and school staff to enhance participation in everyday roles and environments
- Design and implement strategies and programs for individuals and small groups to enhance independence in daily occupations including personal care, educational activities, play, leisure and rest
- Engage in effective professional, consultative and collaborative relationships with all stakeholders to support participation in planning, decision making and reporting
- Maintain accurate records of students' progress and prepare reports as required
- Play an active role in the general management and behavioural support of students within an interdisciplinary team
- Provide training and information in areas related to the OT role for staff, parents of students and other professionals
- Provide consultative support through telephone consultation, parent meetings etc. and relevant reporting
- Contribute to verification supporting documentation as required
- Contribute to goals set for students' Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs)

Key Performance Indicators

- Completion of reports as required
- Evidence of appropriate information and data collection
- Implementation of evidence-informed practice in delivery of quality individual and group programs and consultation services
- Delivery of quality group and individual programs in collaboration with teaching staff
- Demonstration of ongoing professional development and discipline-specific networking within Autism Queensland and externally
- Contribution to improvement in service delivery
- Compliance with Autism Queensland Quality Assurance (AQQA) including Workplace Health & Safety policies and procedures

Essential Criteria

- Minimum tertiary degree (or equivalent) qualification in Occupational Therapy
- Proven provision of high quality, evidenced-based OT services to children and young people on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges, and their families, in an early intervention or educational setting
- Proven knowledge of child and adolescent development, play and engagement, learning, sensory processing, and understanding and managing behaviour
- Demonstrated experience in developing and implementing both direct and consultative strategies & programs for individuals/small groups to enhance their independence
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with families and professionals in addressing the additional needs of children and young people on the autism spectrum or with other disabilities
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within an interdisciplinary team
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with parents, professionals and other stakeholders, both verbally and in writing

Highly-regarded

- Knowledge of the process of ASD Verification for support in schools
- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary methodologies in the provision of occupational therapy services to children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges, and their families

Special Conditions & Requirements

- Current registration or eligibility for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
- Outside normal hours' work may be required at times
- Playground duty, as required
- It is the responsibility of the employee to hold a current, recognized Provide First Aid qualification in this role
- It is the responsibility of the employee to hold and maintain at their own expense, a current Criminal History Screening Card/s or relevant Exemption Card.

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