Occupational Therapist

Overview

Occupational therapists (OTs) assist clients in performing activities of all types, ranging from using a computer to caring for daily needs such as dressing, cooking, eating, and driving. Services typically include: customized treatment programs to improve one's ability to perform daily activities; comprehensive home and job site evaluations with adaptation recommendations; adaptive equipment recommendations and usage training; and guidance to family members and caregivers. To meet an occupational therapist (http://science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks.nsf/Interviews/Karoline+Harvey), see the NIH "Lifeworks" (http://science.education.nih.gov/LifeWorks.nsf/feature/index.htm) Website.

Working Conditions

Occupational therapists in hospitals and other health care and community settings usually work a 40-hour week. Those in schools may also participate in meetings and other activities, during and after the school day. More than one-third of occupational therapists work part time.

Academic Requirements

A post baccalaureate entry-level degree in occupational therapy is the minimum requirement for entry into this field.

Professional Associations

American Occupational Therapy Association (http://www.aota.org/featured/area2)
American Medical Association (http://www.aota.org/featured/area2)

Funding Opportunities

Search for funding opportunities in this field (http://www.explorehealthcareers.org)

Enrichment Programs

Search for enrichment programs in this field (http://www.explorehealthcareers.org)

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Occupational Therapy (http://www.explorehealthcareers.com/en/Field.7.aspx)

Average Salary: $54,660
Years in school: 0 - 6 *
Job outlook: Excellent

* after high school graduation