

PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

ISSUE	Hearing	Mobility	Motor Skills (Fine & Gross)	Tactile	Visual
STANDARD	Ability sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.	Mobility and strength sufficient to support and move patients.	Perform multiple motor tasks simultaneously. Fine and gross motor skills sufficient for safe and efficient manipulation of craft tools and assistive devices.	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment..	Ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in occupational therapy setting.
EXAMPLES	<p>Converse with patients and health care professionals.</p> <p>Respond promptly to patient's needs.</p> <p>Detect and discriminate between sounds of normal conversation.</p>	<p>Support and transfer patients, move in and out of treatment areas.</p> <p>Reach equipment or parts of patient's body.</p>	<p>Operate manual and electrical tools; fabricate and manipulate assistive devices; steadily manipulate objects or assisting/positioning patients.</p> <p>Make coordinated finger and hand movements to grasp, move, place or assemble objects.</p>	Distinguish textures, degree of firmness, temperature differences.	<p>Observe patient's progress in learning skill activity.</p> <p>Reading and writing patient's charts.</p>