

Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora	POSITION TITLE	Occupational Therapist (Whakaora Ngangahau) – Fixed Term		
	DIRECTORATE	Specialist and Community Services Group	DEPARTMENT	Occupational Therapy
	REPORTING TO (operationally)	Te Whata Moanarua Allied Health Team Leader	REPORTING TO (professionally)	Professional Leader Occupational Therapy
DIRECTORATE RESPONSIBILITIES & DIRECT REPORTS	This role covers the Older Persons, NASC and Allied Health Therapy Services in Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay			
PURPOSE OF THE POSITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An occupational therapist provides safe and clinically effective patients / clients/tangata whaiora assessment, intervention and advice, within a specific clinical area with a development of more in depth knowledge and skills. • Support delivery of excellent care for a variety of surgical and medical interventions, as well as people with stroke and other neurological conditions throughout their inpatient journey. • To ensure and prioritise a focus on patient safety and quality relating to care and processes within Older Persons, NASC and Allied Health Therapy Services • Delivery of organisational KPI's including relevant MOH target, financial budgets and service plans. • To recognise, support and contribute to the delivery of the Hawkes Bay Health sector vision, values and behaviours. 			
KEY DELIVERABLES	<p>Clinical Practice- Te Mahi Haumanu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes professional and organisational responsibility for managing a caseload of patients / clients/tangata whaiora with increasing complexity and be able to independently adapt and make decisions regarding occupational therapy intervention. • Utilises information available to prioritise patients / clients/tangata whaiora accepted into the service. • Carries out comprehensive assessment with patients / clients/tangata whaiora and their whānau. This may include standardised and non-standardised assessments and clinical observations to assist in assessment and intervention planning. • Formulates and delivers individualised occupational therapy intervention using comprehensive clinical reasoning skills and in depth knowledge of occupational performance intervention approaches. This is in partnership with the patients / clients/tangata whaiora, their whānau and the clinical advice of the wider inter professional team (IPP) or multidisciplinary team (MDT). • Demonstrates effective communication and utilises relationship centred practice to establish a therapeutic relationship and develop agreed goals with the patients / clients/tangata whaiora, their whānau, including the wider health team and external agencies. This includes relaying complex, sensitive and contentious information. • Assesses the patient's understanding of assessment, interventions and goals and gain informed consent for intervention, taking into account those who lack capacity (e.g. those with cognitive difficulties). • Regularly reassesses and evaluates the patients / clients/tangata whaiora progress (as appropriate) against identified goals and adjust intervention as situations change. • Refers on to other services to work with the patients /clients/tangata whaiora towards achievement of longer term goals • Develops comprehensive discharge/transfer plans with the patients / clients/tangata whaiora and their whānau. • Carries out regular clinical risk assessments with patients /clients/tangata whaiora on own caseload and takes action to effectively manage identified risks, seeking support where appropriate. • Provides advice, teaching and coaching to patients/clients/tangata whaiora, their whānau and other professionals to promote consistency of support being offered. • Demonstrates an awareness of health inequalities, with evidence of implementing actions within own clinical practice towards reducing these for the patient/ clients/tangata whaiora, and their whānau. • Demonstrates provision of culturally safe practice and a confident approach to partnership, protection and participation with patients / clients/tangata whaiora and their whānau. • Represents the service and / or individual patients / clients/tangata whaiora at clinical meetings and case conferences to ensure the delivery of an integrated approach to intervention and to ensure occupational therapy is integrated into the overall intervention (where appropriate) including discharge planning. • Completes documentation consistent with legal, professional and organisational requirements. • Adheres to applicable recognised evidence based research and best practice for occupational therapy and any relevant clinical policies and practice guidelines. • Responsible for functional assessments and prescription of short term loan equipment, longer term equipment funded by Enable New Zealand and minor environmental adaptations and alterations to the patients/clients/tangata whaiora home. Achieves and maintains Enable accreditation as required. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates awareness of local, sub-regional and regional context in relation to provision of health and social support and the impact on service provision. • Identifies unmet needs of patients/clients/tangata whaiora and their whānau and identifies potential solutions to address these needs. • Demonstrates an understanding of the roles and contributions of the interprofessional team (IPP) and multidisciplinary team (MDT). • Works in other areas as identified or following a reasonable request in order to support the organisation in managing safe patients / clients/tangata whaiora care and maintaining service delivery.
<p>KEY DELIVERABLES</p>	<p>Teaching & Learning - Ako Atu, Ako Mai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains competency to practice through identification of learning needs and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. This must comply with professional registration requirements. • Contributes to training within the team/service. • Supervises, coaches, educates and assesses the performance of occupational therapy students. • Provides interprofessional education in direct clinical area, or discipline specific teaching across teams and services. • Demonstrates the ability to critically evaluate research and apply to practice. • Maintains an awareness of current evidence based practice developments in the clinical areas being worked in and make recommendations and implements changes in practice. • Involved in the induction and training of newly appointed staff as required. • Completes mandatory training as applicable for the role. • Participates positively in an annual performance review and associated clinical assurance activities. • Participates in regular professional supervision in line with the organisations requirements and professional body. • Provides mentoring and clinical support and / or professional supervision where required. • Role models Hawke’s Bay Sector values and behaviours.
<p>KEY DELIVERABLES</p>	<p>Leadership & Management - Te Ārahi me te Whakahaere</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attends and contributes to relevant department, clinical and team meetings, leading and facilitating such meetings as requested. • Assists team leaders and professional leaders in clinical assurance activities of occupational therapy staff as requested. • Directs and delegates work to allied health assistants and support staff as required in the role, ensuring that delegated tasks, documentation and communication is carried out.
<p>KEY DELIVERABLES</p>	<p>Service Improvement & Research - Te Whakapai Ratonga me te Rangahau</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadens research and development skills through participation in local audit and research projects as identified by colleagues, professional leaders or Advanced or Expert AH professionals. • Participates and leads quality improvement activities to develop and improve service delivery, clinical practice or professional standards. • Develops and /or participates in regional and national professional networks as appropriate to area of work. • Establishes working partnerships with external organisations to promote integrated working. • Contributes to annual planning process, including identifying gaps in service and participating in work activities that may result from the planning process. • Practises in a way that utilises resources (including staffing) in the most cost effective manner • Awareness of and complies with all legislative and contractual requirements as applicable to the role (e.g. Health and safety in Employment Act 1992, Privacy Act 1993, Vulnerable Children’s Act 2014, Privacy Act, ACC service specifications etc.)
<p>HEALTH & SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES</p>	<p>Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora is committed to maintaining and promoting the health & safety of all its staff, contractors, volunteers and patients. In this role, your duties are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to do anything that puts your own H&S at risk • Not to do anything that puts others H&S at risk • To follow all health and safety policies and procedures • To follow all reasonable health and safety instructions <p>(You have the right to cease work if you believe that you, or others, are at risk of serious harm).</p>

KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS	INTERNAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allied Health Professionals, Professional Leader & Director of Allied Health • Te Wāhanga Hauora Māori Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora • Other teams relevant to supporting the Tangata Whaiora and whānau journey • Health New Zealand Te Whatu Ora stroke clinicians, including Stroke CNS and Physicians with Stroke Expertise (PWSE) 	EXTERNAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Client /patient/ tangata whaiora and their whānau • Community Services and Agencies • All other Health Providers, including PHO, GPs • National Stroke Network • Regional and National Stroke service improvement groups
DELEGATION AND DECISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs and delegates work to allied health assistants and support staff as required in the role, ensuring that delegated tasks, documentation and communication is carried out. 	
HOURS OF WORK	80 per fortnight – Fixed term parental leave cover	
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT & SALARY	In accordance with PSA Allied, Public Health, Scientific & Technical Collective Agreement (SECA) Step 3 - Step 7 per annum according to qualifications and relevant experience pro-rated for hours worked.	
DATE	March 2025	
EXPENDITURE & BUDGET ACCOUNTABILITY	N/A	
SCOPE & COMPLEXITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure smooth and effective pathway for tamariki / rangatahi / whānau /kaumata/kuia referred to the service to ensure barriers to services are reduced • Competent engaging and supporting cultural diversity of the consumer and whānau • A strong emphasis on improving services & reducing inequities for Māori whānau, hapū and iwi • Active participation in- service area decision making including initiatives to strengthen interventions and engagement practices with Māori, (whānau, hapū and iwi) and integrating Māori models of healthcare • Supports a holistic approach within a progressive service to better enable collaborative relationships and integrated pathways • Able to solve routine problems and initiate seeking assistance to solve complex issues as they arise. • Working in a busy environment requiring robust organisation skills, time management and efficient communication skills. • Facilitation and support of efficient and safe complex patient discharges from hospital to home 	

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (BSc), or equivalent.
- New Zealand Registered Occupational Therapist with current annual practising certificate (APC).

Experience

- Minimum of 2-5 years clinical practice.
- Clinical experience applicable to role.
- Experience with complex discharge planning

Business / Technical Skills

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Word, i.e. (Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet resources and e-mail).
- Clean current full NZ driver's license.

Key Attributes

- Effective communication skills
- Ability to build rapport and constructive and effective relationships
- Positive attitude with problem solving focus
- Ability to contribute positively to the interprofessional /multidisciplinary team.
- Self-motivated in developing clinical and professional practice.
- Focus on delivering high quality intervention for the client/patient and whānau.

Effectively Engaging with Māori

- Demonstrates the ability to engage effectively and respectfully with Māori consumers (patients/families/whanau) and staff
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of local tikanga and Māori culture sufficiently to be able to respond appropriately to Māori
- Demonstrates ability to apply the Treaty of Waitangi within the Service.
- Shows commitment to, and demonstrates the behaviours of the health sector.

Physical requirements for role: -

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora is a fair and equitable employer. As per the Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora's commitment to the National Disability Strategy it will ensure the ongoing support, guidance and tools are provided to support people with disabilities within the workplace.

Due to the physical nature of this role the following physical requirements are essential:

Agility	Able to kneel Able to get 1 knee up on bed Able to squat Able to raise arms above head Able to reach arms out in front
Fitness	Able to walk up 2 flights of stairs without stopping
Strength	Able to do at least 3 half press ups (i.e. on knees)

Vaccination status for role:

Vaccinations as per the current employee immunisation policy including annual influenza vaccination

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Membership of the Occupational Therapy Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa



Our Vision and Values

Te hauora o te Matau-a-Māui: Healthy Hawke's Bay

Excellent health services working in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of our people and to reduce health inequities within our community.



HE KAUANUANU RESPECT
Showing *respect* for each other, our staff, patients and consumers. This means I actively seek to understand what matters to you.

ĀKINA IMPROVEMENT
Continuous *improvement* in everything we do. This means that I actively seek to improve my service.

RARANGA TE TIRA PARTNERSHIP
Working together in *partnership* across the community. This means I will work with you and your whānau on what matters to you.

TAUWHIRO CARE
Delivering high quality *care* to patients and consumers. This means I show empathy and treat you with care, compassion and dignity.