Classification Description
University of Michigan

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Job Role: Professional

TITLE: Orthoptist

BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Assist in the diagnosis and treatment of visual defects by administering orthoptic and pleoptic tests; and to teach patients to develop and use binocular vision.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Essential:
• Measure visual capabilities by administering orthoptic and pleoptic tests.
• Instruct patients to develop and use correct binocular vision.
• Position, instruct and direct patients during treatment and therapy.
• Review patient referral slips to obtain diagnosis and treatment data, and prepare complete case histories.
• Assist in the performance of orthoptic therapy by using appropriate equipment and instruments.
• Operate and coordinate the maintenance of orthoptic equipment.
• Instruct adult patients or parents of young patients in the utilization of corrective exercises and methods to be used at home.
• Prepare reports and confer periodically with physicians to consult on patient progress.
• Process patient care orders using the electronic ordering system may be required in certain areas.

RELATED DUTIES

Perform other related duties as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

General supervision is received from a physician.

QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or a combination of education and experience is necessary.
Two years of college with courses in biology, physics and psychology is desirable.
Satisfactory completion of either an accredited training center program or preceptorship is necessary.
Certification by the American Orthoptic Council is necessary.
This classification requires Primary Source Verification.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

This position requires infrequent standing/walking, as well as lifting, positioning, pushing, and/or transferring of patients.

This description is intended to indicate the kinds of tasks and levels of work difficulty that will be required of positions that will be given this title and shall not be construed as declaring what the specific duties and responsibilities of any particular position shall be. It is not intended to limit or in any way modify the right of any supervisor to assign, direct, and control the work of employees under his supervision. The use of a particular expression or illustration describing duties shall not be held to exclude other duties not mentioned that are of a similar kind or level of difficulty.

Orthoptist