



Position Description

POSITION TITLE:	Senior Consultant Occupational Therapist
LOCATION:	Tarragindi and Virtual office
STATUS:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultant
TENURE:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary / Fixed Term <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Hours – No of Hours/Week: (Avg) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Varying Hours – No of Hours / Week: Max. 8hrs if a full-clinic day is worked within a week period. There is approximately 25 Clinic Days per year involving occupational therapy services to be shared with current occupational therapists.
COVERAGE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultancy Agreement. Consultant is responsible for own superannuation, taxation and insurances etc. ABN required.
PAY LEVEL:	\$350 per week based on an assumption of eight hours worked per week

ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT / OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

SKIP (Support Kids In Pain) is Australia's first not-for-profit organisation which provides support and education to children living with chronic pain and their families.

Chronic pain, such as post-cancer, post-surgical, musculoskeletal, headaches and abdominal pain, if left untreated places a significant burden upon children during a vitally important period of growth and development. It affects personal, emotional and social development and can severely impact quality of life as well as place great strain on families. SKIP's team is comprised of highly skilled and dedicated specialists who provide a comprehensive pain assessment and management program.

The SKIP Team consists of:

- Pain Physician
- Clinical Coordinator
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Art Therapy Practitioner
- Administration Officer
- Health Promotion Officer
- Grants Officer

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Provide clinical occupational therapy services to assist in the function of the SKIP Pain Clinic including:
 - Assessment of functional factors contributing to a child's complex persistent pain problem
 - Delivery of safe evidence-based occupational therapy interventions for the treatment of persistent pain, mainly in the context of group work and individual parent education.
 - Formulation of key recommendations in collaboration with the SKiP multidisciplinary team
 - Delivery high standard of clinical care in person and over telehealth.
- Utilise expert clinical reasoning skills in determining the best pathway for individuals and families requiring further occupational therapy services.
- Work collaboratively with current occupational therapy team members in fulfilling a shared roster.
- Work effectively within an inter-professional model of service delivery.
- Participate in quality improvement including ongoing development/review of group session plans, resources and supplementary handouts.
- Work confidently in a community setting and utilise cloud office solutions for administrative tasks.
- Assist with set up and pack up clinic from physical Tarragindi location.
- Participate in SKiP health promotion including website, newsletter and other media.
- Advise SKiP on issues relevant to occupational therapy and persistent pain treatment of children and families.
- Identify professional development needs specific to occupational therapy and persistent pain practice
- Participate in professional education as part of raising paediatric persistent pain awareness.
- Participate in SKiP's fundraising initiatives.
- To attend service planning meetings held usually 1-2 times a year and occasional team meetings for shared inservice.

RELATIONSHIPS:

- Pain Physician
- Clinical Coordinator
- Maintains effective relationship with SKIP team and SKIP Board

REPORTS TO:

- Clinical Coordinator

SUPERVISORY:

- Volunteers and Students

INCUMBENT REQUIREMENTS:

Competencies:

- Demonstrated understanding of the issues affecting children and adolescents with persistent pain and ability to apply a biopsychosocial framework to pain assessment and treatment.
- Demonstrated ability to deliver pacing education, activity planning and adaptation, goal setting, functional movement retraining, ADL interventions and return to school advice for this population.
- Expertise in pain rehabilitation approaches including pain education, graded motor imagery, desensitization, sensory modulation, relaxation therapy and mindfulness.
- Demonstrated skills in group therapy facilitation.
- Demonstrated commitment to team based recommendation which are child/family-centred and reinforce the active self-management approach for successful pain management
- Demonstrated understanding of the roles of other allied health disciplines within the multidisciplinary team
- Ability to plan and organise sessions, lead group therapy session, set priorities and outcomes for each session, and report skilled observations.
- Demonstrated interpersonal oral and written communication skills with a range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated skills in information technology, cloud and Microsoft office
- Demonstrated ability to work in a community setting with limited supervision and resources
- Confidentiality

Knowledge / Qualifications:

- Possession of a tertiary degree or master qualification in Occupational Therapy
- Post graduate experience and or demonstrated professional development in the area of persistent pain and/or paediatrics and adolescent health is desirable
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

Work Experience:

- Experience working with paediatric and adolescent populations with persistent pain and or chronic health conditions.
- Demonstrated experience in developing rapport with young people and working therapeutically with parents, families and significant others to ensure the best outcomes for the young person's health and wellbeing.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a multidisciplinary team.
- Previous experience in group facilitation is desirable

How to Apply:

- A short response statement (1-2pages) outlining how your experience, abilities, knowledge and personal qualities would enable you to achieve the key accountabilities and incumbent requirements.
- Your current CV or resume, including 2 referees. Current/most recent line manager is essential.
- Submit via email to huong@skip.org.au