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| **Position Title** | Occupational Therapist |
| **Position Number** |  |
| **Department** | Community Services |
| **Classification** | Grade 1 |
| **Agreement** | Allied Health Professionals (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Enterprise Agreement 2021-2026 |
| **Reports to:** | Allied Health Manager and Director of Community Services |

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| **POSITION DESCRIPTION** |  |

**Position Purpose:**

* To work cooperatively and effectively within a multidisciplinary team to deliver Occupational Therapy services within the health service and in the community.
* To implement relevant assessments, treatment and evaluation to a designated caseload of inpatients, outpatients, community clients (including paediatrics), aged care residents, and outreach clinics.
* To facilitate and promote client safety and quality of care in all settings, including group sessions.
* To practice as an Occupational Therapist in accordance with the National OT standards, codes, registration requirements and guidelines.

**Department / Unit Specific Overview**

East Grampians Health Service aims to meet the needs of the community by offering a vast array of services to the community in Ararat. We offer outreach services to Willaura as well as the Bush Nursing Centres in Lake Bolac and Elmhurst. Our services include Dental, Physiotherapy, Exercise Physiology, Occupational Therapy, Podiatry, Speech Pathology, Dietetics, Diabetes Education and Social Work. These services support other clinical areas including our acute and residential aged care patients. Our community health centre also hosts speciality clinics such as consulting suites for visiting surgeons and Maternal Child Health Nurses.

**Our Values**

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| **Description: Description: S:\Health Information Management\EGHS Icons\EGHS_Integrity.jpg** | **Integrity** | We value integrity, honesty and respect in all relationships |
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| **Description: Description: S:\Health Information Management\EGHS Icons\EGHS_Excellence.jpg** | **Excellence** | We value excellence as the appropriate standard for all services and practices |
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| **Description: Description: S:\Health Information Management\EGHS Icons\EGHS_Community.jpg** | **Community** | We respect the dignity and rights of our community and acknowledge their beliefs, regardless of their cultural, spiritual or socioeconomic background |
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| **Description: Description: S:\Health Information Management\EGHS Icons\EGHS_Working_Together.jpg** | **Working Together** | We value equally all people who make a contribution to EGHS to achieve shared goals |
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| **Description: Description: S:\Health Information Management\EGHS Icons\EGHS_Learning_Culture.jpg** | **Learning Culture** | We strive to continually lead and develop through education, training, mentoring and by teaching others. |

**Organisational Context**

East Grampians Health Service (EGHS) is a rural health service located in Ararat and Willaura in Western Victoria. EGHS is an integral part of a thriving community and is committed to providing quality health and wellbeing services to people of all backgrounds.

Serving a diverse community, EGHS delivers an extensive range of acute, residential, home and community based services. We strive to continually improve our services to best meet the needs of our patients, consumers and the community.

**Our Vision**

East Grampians Health Service will improve the health, wellbeing and the quality of life for our community.

**Our Purpose**

To meet people’s health needs through leadership, strong partnerships and wise use of resources.

**Strategic Actions**

See [Strategic Plan 2023 – 2027](https://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Publications/EGHS%206pp%20DL%20Strategic%20Plan%20(2023-27).pdf).

**Organisational Responsibilities**

* Be aware of and work in accordance with EGHS policies and procedures, including:

[Victorian Public Sector - Code of Conduct](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Human%20Resources/Victorian%20Public%20Sector%20-%20Code%20of%20Conduct.pdf)

[Confidentiality, Security and Management of Information - SOPP 24.02](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/CONFIDENTIALITY,%20SECURITY%20AND%20MANAGEMENT%20OF%20INFORMATION%20-%20SOPP%2024.02.pdf)

[Hand Hygiene - SOPP 70.18](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/HAND%20HYGIENE%20-%20SOPP%2070.18.pdf)

[Occupational Health and Safety - SOPP 72.09](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/OCCUPATIONAL%20HEALTH%20AND%20SAFETY%20-%20SOPP%2072.09.pdf)

[Person Centred Care - SOPP 60.20](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/PERSON%20CENTRED%20CARE%20-%20SOPP%2060.20.pdf)

[Safety - SOPP 72.13](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/SAFETY%20-%20SOPP%2072.13.pdf)

[Performance Development policy - SOPP 35.27](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/PERFORMANCE%20DEVELOPMENT%20POLICY%20-%20SOPP%2035.27.pdf)

[Risk Management - SOPP 74.01](http://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/RISK%20MANAGEMENT%20-%20SOPP%2074.01.pdf)

[Child Safe – SOPP 57.24](https://intranet.eghs.net.au/Files/Policies/CHILD%20SAFE%20-%20SOPP%2057.24.pdf#search=57%2E24)

* Be respectful of the needs of patients, consumers, visitors and other staff and maintain a professional approach in all interactions, creating exceptional experiences.
* Be aware of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and all other standards as it relates to your area of work and associated accreditation.
* Undertake other duties as directed that meet relevant standards and recognised practice.
* Agree to provide evidence of a valid employment Working with Children Check and provide the necessary details for East Grampians Health Service to undertake a national Police check. Also provide a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) worker check or the necessary details (if required).
* Identify and report incidents, potential for error and near misses and supports staff to learn how to improve the knowledge systems and processes to create a safe and supportive environment for staff and patients, consumers and visitors
* Contribute to a positive and supportive learning culture and environment for health professional students and learners at all levels.
* Participate in all mandatory education and orientation sessions as outlined by EGHS.

East Grampians Health Service is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing for its employees a work environment which is free of harassment or discrimination.

EGHS reserves the right to modify position descriptions as required. Staff will be consulted when this occurs.

**Responsibilities and Major Activities**

**CLINICAL**

* Safely and effectively carry out assessments for referred clients.
* Plan and carry out individual/ group treatments and interventions across the life span, within own abilities and scope of practice
* Provide person-centred care and liaise with multi/interdisciplinary services to coordinated client treatment objectives assist clients in achieving their optimum level of independence.
* Consult with more experienced clinicians when problems or complex cases arise.
* Observe, assess, record and report on the progress of clients as appropriate and within service guidelines.
* Participate in Multidisciplinary Meetings/ case conferences as required.
* Ensure all patients, residents, clients, visitors and staff are treated with respect, dignity and courtesy in an environment that is free from harassment and discrimination.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/ PROFESSIONAL**

* Maintain reliable documentation/record keeping and data management in accordance with EGHS and professional guidelines.
* Contribute to the evaluation the effectiveness of treatment and service delivery through regular quality improvement activities within the Occupational Therapy team and community health services.
* Ensure confidentiality is maintained in all matters pertaining to patients/ residents/ staff as the Health Services Act and the Privacy Act.
* Maintain currency of knowledge and clinical expertise through attendance and participation in relevant courses, conference, seminars, peer review and educational opportunities.
* Document and resolve conflicts, accidents/incidents and patient complaints in a timely and respectful manner.
* Comply with East Grampians Health Service Risk Management framework.
* Practice within policy and procedural guidelines & comply with East Grampians Health Service Governance Documentation framework
* Adhere to EGHS Equal Employment Opportunities policies and practices.
* Undertake any additional duties as indicated by the manager

**Key Performance Indicators**

* Demonstrates practice within the Vision, Mission and Values of EGHS.
* Demonstrates initiative in advancing the quality of Occupational Therapy services within EGHS.
* Personal Development Plan (PDP) completed annually.
* Completion of all mandatory education requirements and ongoing professional development.
* Measured in accordance with the capabilities outlined in the Victorian Allied Health Capability Framework level 1.
* Actively participates in staff meetings and events displaying teamwork and professionalism.
* Consults with senior staff, understands own clinical limitations and takes accountability of own actions.
* Responds to feedback from clients, colleagues and external organisations.
* Clinical utilisation time/productivity maintained at agreed rate. (Direct client time 80%) However, for a new graduate, direct client contact building to an average of 80% time from a baseline of 60%.

Key Selection Criteria

**Essential Criteria:**

* Tertiary qualification in Occupational Therapy and holding current registration with AHPRA.
* Meet the specific eligibility requirements to register with Medicare Australia.
* Demonstrated commitment to holistic patient centred care.
* Demonstrated ability to contribute and practice collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary team.
* Demonstrated knowledge of varied methods of assessment, treatment and evaluation within Occupational Therapy practice.
* Demonstrated ability to function independently or as a member of a team.
* Ability to manage a clinical caseload effectively
* Commitment to flexibility and innovation in practice including an evidence based approach to care.
* Highly proficient in the use of a range of computer software programs including Microsoft Office.
* Excellent communication, negotiation, organisational and time management skills.

Must comply to having or completion of:

* National Police Check (renewed every 3 years)
* Working with Children Check (renewed every 5 years)
* NDIS workers Check
* Current drivers licence
* Immunisation requirements (annually)
* 1st aid certificate

**Desirable Criteria**

* Understanding of rural community living and potential impacts of this on Occupational Therapy practice

**Acknowledgement**

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| Developed Date (MM,YY) | 11th November 2024 |
| Developed By Name | Christine Perry |
| Developed by Title | Allied Health Manager |