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Occupational Therapy What is an Occupation?

An *occupation* is any meaningful, goal-directed, or purposeful activity.

<u>Examples of occupations</u>: getting dressed, driving, eating, socializing, doing school work, playing a sport, combing hair, working, cleaning the house, mowing the lawn, singing, writing, shopping...







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What do Occupational Therapists do?

*They help people *improve their abilities* to participate in meaningful occupations

AND/OR *Help people *adapt the way they perform* meaningful occupations

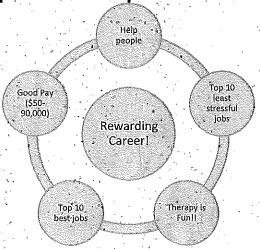
Who do Occupational Therapists work with?

Babies Children Adolescents Adults Older Adults

Where do Occupational Therapists work?

Schools Hospitals Nursing Homes
Clinics Home Health College/Universities
Behavioral Health Community

Why become an Occupational Therapist?



How to prepare to become an Occupational Therapist

<u>Classes</u> in sciences, psychology, sociology. <u>Volunteer</u> in OT settings and community. <u>Work</u> in service-related positions. <u>Leadership</u> in extracurricular activities and community services/events

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