

**LUTHER COURT SOCIETY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE**  
**REGISTERED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST CONSULTANT**

**ROLE DESCRIPTION: 0.2 FTE**

**FOCUS OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ROLE** is to provide community-based occupational therapy services to clients referred by the Luther Court Primary Health Care team, by providing consultation and education to clients, caregivers, and staff on rehabilitation interventions, for the purpose of improving health and quality of life. The Occupational Therapist (OT) reports to the Director of Primary Health Care and Community.

**ORGANIZATION SUMMARY:**

Luther Court Society is a charitable, not-for-profit, community-based organization with a history of service excellence. With a collaborative interdisciplinary model, Luther Court provides and advocates for a wide range of care, housing, and programs to meet the wellbeing needs of the local community, including primary health care and wellness, long term care, assisted living, independent affordable housing, and home support. Luther Court continues to aspire to promote a sense of belonging and equity within a caring community where everyone has a place at the table.

**ROLE SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the Vision, Mission, and Values, and strategic direction of Luther Court Society, client and staff safety are a priority and a responsibility shared by everyone; as such, the commitment to continuously improve quality and safety is inherent in all aspects of this position. (The term 'client' is used here to reflect resident/tenant/patient/client/family).

**Key Roles and Responsibilities**

**1. Client Care**

- Assesses clients' cognitive, perceptual, self-care and leisure status, and develops, implements, and monitors rehabilitation plans, including maintaining patient records for legal and data purposes
- Assesses clients' environment with respect to physical or functional status and rehabilitation potential, modifying barriers in the home (ramps, technical aids; adaptations)
- Adapts equipment to assist in daily living skills (eating, dressing, and hygiene aids), and provides splints, orthopedic devices, mobility training (wheelchair training), and transferring skills.

**2. Client and Community Education**

- Teaches clients on activities of daily living (adapting activities for homemaking, self-care, work and leisure), and educates clients on the use of adaptive mobility equipment
- Provides information and/or educational sessions to the community to assist people with disabilities to modify environmental barriers, and promote safety in the home and workplace
- Helps to coordinate services with client, family, and other agencies and caregivers; and participates in care conferences where indicated.

### **3. Team Collaboration and Quality Improvement**

- Provides consultation and/or educational sessions to the PHC team on occupational therapy techniques, and various aspects of rehabilitation, equipment, ADL and resources
- Promotes collaboration and partnerships within the context of an interdisciplinary team, client equity issues, organizational integration, primary care networking, and community diversity
- Assists the team in identifying needs of defined target populations, and participates in development of quality assurance best practice standards and measures.

### **4. Liaison and Coordination**

- Advocates on behalf of clients with other agencies (e.g. DVA, Social Services and Housing), and refers to community agencies and outpatient therapy services when appropriate
- Maintains contact with related groups, agencies, and professionals (including therapists) in the community and facilitates partnerships for best care practices
- Contributes to community networking to foster collaborative PHC in the community; and advance the Luther Court Community Health Centre vision and strategic plan.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Requirements:** Graduation from a recognized university program in Occupational Therapy. Registration with the College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia required. Eligible for membership with the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists (CAOT).

**Experience:** Minimum two years of post graduate experience in Occupational Therapy or equivalent education, training, and experience. Community experience preferred. Evidence of ongoing professional development.