

Ivybridge Community College

Career of the Week



Spring Term

Job Title: Occupational Therapist

Salary: £28,000 - £50,000 (experienced)

Working Hours: 35 - 40 hours per week. You could start work as an Occupational Therapy Support Worker and then study alongside for your Degree Qualification with help from your employer. You could work in a client's home, in a Hospital, at a client's business, in a Care Home or Medical Centre. You may be required to wear a uniform.

How Can I Get There? / Routes of Entry:

- Sixth Form
- College
- Apprenticeship (Level 6 Occupational Therapy Degree Apprenticeship)
- University (useful Degrees: Occupational Therapy / Biological Science / Health Science / Psychology)

Local Providers:

- Ivybridge Community College and other Sixth Forms
- Scott Medical College
- Universities at Bristol, Exeter, and Plymouth

Skills Required:

- Knowledge of Psychology
- Counselling skills including active listening
- Sensitivity and understanding, supporting clients to manage physical disabilities
- To be flexible and open to change
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- The ability to work well with others
- Excellent verbal communication skills – you may support client's families and carers
- The ability to use your initiative – you may suggest ways to adapt an office or home

Local Employers:

- Derriford Hospital / Totnes Hospital / Torbay Hospital
- Spire Hospital, Bristol
- Livewell Southwest

Progression:

With experience, you could specialize in a particular area, such as Paediatric / Elderly care. You could move into Private Practice, or Training or Research roles. You could work overseas, or move into other Management roles within the NHS.