

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Speech Pathologist (Clinical Therapies)

DIVISION or PROGRAM:	Home Care	AWARD AND LEVEL (if applicable):	Health Professionals and Support Services Award 2010 – Health Professional Employee – level 2
DATE OF APPROVAL:	July 2019	APPROVED BY (Position Title):	Executive Manager Specialist

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Conduct functional and standardised assessments and interventions with children and adults with reference to feeding, language skills and alternative or augmentative communication, that promotes the individuals quality and enjoyment of life, potential and positive experiences within the community.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Perform the duties of the role in accordance with CatholicCare’s Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles
- Conduct functional, standardised and non-standardised assessments relevant to the clients age, goals and diagnosis and or disability
- Conduct functional and standardised assessments in the areas of expressive and receptive language skills, speech, feeding and Augmentative and Alternative communication (AAC)
- Work in collaboration with other team members to provide support and a consultative role in your area of expertise to the team and families as required
- Plan, implement and evaluate individual developmental therapy programs in conjunction with the Team Leader and provide written assessment reports, including appropriate recommendations
- Plan, implement and evaluate individual developmental therapy programs and provide timely written assessment reports, including appropriate recommendations
- Liaise with and provide professional advice to specialist early intervention, mainstream and school transition services involved with the child and family
- Liaise with and provide professional advice to the Homecare team engaged with the older person
- Follow all CatholicCare and program policy, procedures and processes
- Maintain a case load ensuring all plans are current, up-to-date and reviewed in a timely manner
- Provision of information to clients and families about disability and referrals where required
- Attendance at and participation in team meetings, interagency meetings and professional development
- Undertake activities under the direction of the manager for ongoing expansion of the clinical therapies program
- Other duties as directed from time to time

KEY COMMUNICATIONS

This role works closely with the Clinical therapies and Home Care team (to receive guidance and exchange information), and clients and their families to build supportive relationships, with in the confines of external funding guidelines.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE (Selection Criteria)

1.	Ability to undertake the duties of the role in accordance with CatholicCare's Mission, Vision and Values
2.	Qualification in Speech Pathology and membership with Speech Pathology Australia
3.	Demonstrated understanding of Child Protection Legislation
4.	Experience working with children, adults and aged care clients with varying diagnoses across a range of service and funding models, including NDIS and Home care packages.
5.	Demonstrate skills and knowledge in the provision of Speech Pathology service to consumers, carers and families requiring assessment, intervention, appropriate referral and discharge planning
6.	Clear understanding of Disability Inclusion Act 2014 and NSW Disability Standards including evidence of completion of the NDIS Training Module: Quality, Safety and You
7.	Current NSW driver licence and use of registered motor vehicle.
8.	A valid WWCC number

* The Employer reserves the right to vary this position description in response to its changing needs.