

Brantwood Specialist School is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ruskin Mill Trust, which offers a holistic student-centred approach to the education and care of 7-19 year olds for students who are on the autistic spectrum and who have not succeeded in mainstream provision.

Occupational Therapist Practical Skills Therapeutic Education (PSTE)

Salary Range: £29,408 - £33,824 40 hours per week, 40 hours per year. (FTE £33,524-£38,564)

The purpose of this role is to deliver weekly direct (1:1), small group and class-based interventions as identified in the EHC plan, including therapy in the craft and outdoor space. This will require you to plan individualised, functional, child-centered programs across a variety of contexts (school based, communities based, bakery, craft, land-based at our biodynamic farm, depending on the needs of the students). This will include formal assessment through observation and staff/parent/carer liaison.

Through effective management of your caseload you will ensure that ECHP targets are met alongside the child's needs. In doing so you will nurture solid working relationships with staff and students and be given the opportunity to facilitate meaningful change with hands on intervention and practice.

In this role you will advise and train school and residential staff on embedding OT into Ruskin Mill's unique method of Practical Skills Therapeutic Education (PSTE) and the Steiner educational insights as interventions to meet the students' sensory and self-regulation needs as identified in the EHC plan. Training and mentoring will be provided as will external supervision.

You will be working with children, young people and vulnerable adults with autistic spectrum disorders, learning disabilities and difficulties associated with developmental delay and, in collaboration with the other therapists, communicating findings to a diverse range of Ruskin Mill Trust staff and external bodies. This will include record keeping, data collection and analysis and will include the delivery of staff training. To validate and document student progress by being immersed in PSTE and the Steiner Curriculum utilising their expertise in sensory profiles and sensory integration.

In order to be successful in this role you will:

- Qualified to degree level in Occupational Therapy
- Registered with professional therapeutic body such as HPC
- Experience of working with learners with learning difficulties and/or learning disabilities, sensory integration and have a knowledge of specialist education.
- A flexible and professional approach is required
- Be able to demonstrate strong communication and time management skills

CLOSING DATE 10 MAY 2021

For further information and to apply visit <https://www.rmt.org/jobs> or contact the HR Team on 0114 2525992.

Working at Brantwood Specialist School is rewarding and in return, we offer competitive salaries with progression in pay once qualified, and a private pension scheme. In addition, staff receive:

- A comprehensive interactive induction to experience the crafts within the curriculum and experience the student journey.
- An excellent personal development plan and extensive training to include Autism, Attachment, Emotional Resilience, Holistic Support, *Practical Skills Therapeutic Education* (PSTE), MAPA (physical intervention) training

The post is subject to satisfactory references, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check for both adults and children, medical check, evidence of qualifications plus verification of the right to work in the UK. Brantwood Specialist School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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