

Department: Horace Nye Home  
Classification: Competitive  
Grade: Ungraded

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### **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for physical therapy casework in a program designed to meet the needs of residents referred to the program. The incumbent assists with evaluating, planning and providing physical therapy treatment to residents in accordance with a referral from a physician or other health provider. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level administrator, physician or program coordinator. The incumbent does related work as required.

#### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative only)

Performs physical therapy procedures in accordance with the written directions or referrals from a physician or other health care provider;  
Performs initial screening, evaluation and consultation for residents referred to the program;  
Develops goals, treatment objectives and therapeutic activities and tasks to be incorporated into the resident's individualized treatment plan;  
Maintains written case notes and other written documentation as required by State laws or local regulations;  
Records evaluations, reevaluations, progress notes, consultations and treatment summaries in resident's file;  
Attends and participates in staff conferences on residents' needs and progress;  
Meets with physicians and other staff to coordinate physical therapy treatment, reviews resident progress and adjust goals and activities as necessary;  
Assists in the development of physical therapy policies, procedures, priorities, caseloads, and assessment tools;  
Establishes and maintains communications and a rapport with physicians, therapists and other health care providers.  
Makes routine maintenance checks on wheelchairs and other equipment and when necessary arranges for their repair.

#### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the principles, techniques, and practices of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a patient's disabilities; working knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others.

#### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Certificate as a Physical Therapy Assistant issued by the New York State Education

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