

Department: Public Health
Classification: Competitive
Grade: Ungraded

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work involving responsibility for providing direct physical therapy services to patients upon referral from a licensed physician who provides medical direction. The work is performed under general direction and supervision of a higher level physical therapist, if available, otherwise, the facility's or school's medical director.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Performs physical therapy procedures, evaluations, and diagnostic tests for patients referred by a licensed physician;
Teaches appropriate treatment procedures and supportive activities to patients and facility members;
Instructs other professional personnel in procedures for the prevention of deformity, correction of defects, and the promotion of health;
Develops needed plans for modifying equipment, appliances, and the physical surroundings of the patient;
Reports to and discusses with the attending physician patient's progress for medical direction relative to treatment program.
Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients unless contra-indicated by professional judgment or a physician's admission notes, and recommends treatment(s);
Attends inservice workshops;
Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy policies, procedures, priorities, caseloads, and assessment tools;
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.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST, Continued

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Possession of a current valid license and registration issued by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.

Adopted 10/31/00