

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning, and providing physical therapy treatment in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. The Physical Therapist is responsible to the facility administrator for the operation of the department. While supervision is not a major function of this title, oversight and instruction will be provided to Physical Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapy Aides and clerical employees assigned to the service. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients unless contraindicated by his/her professional judgment or a doctor's admission notes;
Performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician;
Participates with other personnel in the formulation of patients' total care plans;
Participates in the selection of personnel in the physical therapy service, assigns their duties and provides supervision;
Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy policies and procedures;
Confers periodically with department administrative staff and physicians regarding all facets of patient care and related activities;
Assists in the development of, instructs and participates in the facility in-service education program;
Records on patients' charts all physical therapy evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultation, and discharge summaries;
Maintains program records including but not limited to the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment and number of patients treated.

WHEN ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Insures the implementation of the specific therapy and/or therapeutic instruction for the individual students;
Assists the staff in the development of the general educational therapeutic-physical environment which is necessary to meeting the total needs of the students;
Monitors the student's progress and reaction to the therapy program, and continues to re-evaluate and change the program as indicated;
Performs a physical motor assessment on any student who is considered a candidate for physical therapy services;
Instructs the student in utilizing appropriate equipment for maximum functioning.

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 oversee the work of others; ability to get along well with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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CIVIL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE

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