

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. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Physical Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapy Aides and clerical employees assigned to the service. The work is performed under the general supervision of an Administrator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Evaluates the degree of function and disability by his/her professional judgment or with doctor's orders; Performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician; Participates with other personnel in the formulation of patient's 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 a supervising Therapist and Physicians regarding all facets of patient care and related activities; Assists in the development of, instructs and participates 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.

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 condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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

NOTE: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license may be required at time of appointment and maintained during employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS: In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, candidates for appointment in school districts must obtain clearance for employment from the State Education Department prior to employment based upon a fingerprint and criminal history background check.

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