

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work of a difficult nature which involves a responsibility for the treatment of patients with disabilities by utilizing physical therapy treatments. General supervision is received from a higher-level therapist. Therapy is performed in accordance with a physician's prescription and accepted standards in the field. Work direction (e.g. lead work) may be exercised over a small number of support staff (e.g. Physical Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapy Aides, Teaching Assistants, Nurse's Aides, school aides, students). Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Plans, organizes and participates in the delivery of physical therapy treatments;
Maintains treatment records and prepares reports;
Attends and may participate in patient conferences;
Attends in-service training as required;
Provides education and training to patients, families, rehabilitation staff and nursing staff;
Performs evaluations in accordance with physicians' orders;
May provide guidance to support staff (e.g. Physical Therapy Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Aides, volunteers and students);
May perform minor maintenance on equipment (e.g. adjustments).

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, objectives and techniques of physical therapy; good knowledge of the construction and proper care of apparatus and equipment; ability to apply physical therapy techniques; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to prepare written reports; ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with others.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A Bachelor's degree or higher in a Physical Therapy program registered by the New York State Department of Education or accredited by a national accreditation agency authorized by the New York State Department of Education and,

- a. Possession of a license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as a registered physical therapist; or
- b. Possession of a limited permit issued by the New York State Education Department to practice as a physical therapist and possession of a permanent license (see a.) at the time of permanent appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid New York State motor vehicle license or accessibility to transportation to perform field work in a timely and efficient manner.