

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is professional work involving responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing physical therapy treatment in accordance with a written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. General supervision is received from a Senior Physical Therapist or a higher-level administrator. Work direction may be exercised over a small number of support staff (e.g., Physical Therapy Assistants, etc.). Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Coordinates, arranges and actively performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral from a licensed physician;
Maintains treatment documentation and compiles reports;
Participates in and may contribute to patient conferences regarding the formulation of, continuation and/or status of patients' treatment care plans;
Participates in mandatory in-service training sessions;
Offers education and training to patients and their families;
Conducts assessments as per physicians' directives;
May provide work direction to support staff (e.g., Physical Therapy Assistants, etc.).

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, objectives and techniques of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socioeconomic factors affecting a patients' disabilities; ability to apply physical therapy techniques, especially for patients with complex needs; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written instructions; ability to maintain records and prepare 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 at the time of permanent appointment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation to perform field work in a timely and efficient manner.