**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.

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