

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is technical work of a moderately complex nature 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 guidance (e.g., lead work) 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 patients' disabilities; ability to apply physical therapy techniques; ability to provide work guidance to others; 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:

1. Possession of a valid license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as a Physical Therapist; or
2. Possession of a limited permit issued by the New York State Education Department to practice as a Physical Therapist.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. A license or limited permit to practice as a Physical Therapist issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department must be valid at the time of appointment and throughout the course of employment in this title. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for verification of the Physical Therapy permit or license.
2. Possession of a valid driver's license or accessibility to transportation when fieldwork is required. The appointing authority shall have the responsibility for the verification of the driver's license which may be checked throughout the course of employment in this title.