

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is technical work of a moderately complex nature involving performing physical therapy treatment procedures in accordance with a medically approved program. The work is performed under section 6738 of the Education Law and the duties do not include evaluation, testing, interpretation, planning or modification of patient programs. The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Physical Therapist and supervision may be exercised over a small number of aides. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Performs a variety of physical therapy treatment procedures in accordance with a medically-approved program;  
Makes observations concerning patient condition, reactions and responses related to treatment and reports same to Physical Therapist;  
Provides assistance to Physical Therapist in carrying out more complex physical therapy treatments and patient assessments;  
Maintains records and enters records of treatment on patient charts;  
Maintains work area and monitors supplies;  
Attends and may participate in patient conferences;  
Supervises physical therapy aides as required;  
Participates in inservice educational programs.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Working knowledge of the principles, objectives and techniques of physical therapy; working knowledge of the construction and proper care of apparatus and equipment; ability to prepare simple activity records and reports; ability to work effectively with patients.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** An Associate's degree in a Physical Therapy Assistant Program registered by the New York State Education Department or approved by the American Physical Therapy Association.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Possession of a license or limited permit issued by the New York State Department of Education to practice as Physical Therapy Assistant.