

## **SENIOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is technical physical therapy work of a complex nature which involves a responsibility for performing and assisting in the technical oversight of the treatment of patients related to injuries, disease or disabilities by physical means such as massage, exercise, heat application, and mechanical apparatus and equipment. Therapy is performed in accordance with a physician's prescription. General supervision is received from a higher-level administrator. Supervision is exercised over Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Evaluates, develops and administers physical therapy treatment, including for particularly difficult cases;  
Plans, organizes and participates in physical therapy treatments;  
Maintains treatment records and prepares reports;  
Attends and participates in patient conferences;  
Attends and participates in in-service education programs;  
Provides education and training to staff in physical therapy techniques;  
Provides supervision to a number of Physical Therapists and Physical Therapy Assistants;  
May provide input to supervisors concerning staff performance, training needs, etc.

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

Thorough knowledge of principles, objectives and techniques of physical therapy; thorough knowledge of the construction and proper care of physical therapy apparatus and equipment; ability to apply physical therapy techniques, especially for patients with complex needs; ability to supervise the work of others; ability to understand and carry out complex oral and written directions; ability to maintain records and prepare reports; ability to establish and maintain successful relationships with others.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Two (2) years of experience as a licensed Physical Therapist and possession of a valid license issued or recognized by the New York State Education Department to practice as a Physical Therapist.

**PROMOTION:** One (1) year of permanent competitive class status as a Physical Therapist.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. A license 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 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.

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