

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves planning and administering medically prescribed physical therapy treatment programs for individuals to restore function, relieve pain, and prevent disability following disease, injury or loss of a body part. The work may be performed in community, school, or health care settings in accordance with a written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Physical Therapy Assistants, Aides, and clerical employees. A Physical Therapist does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Evaluates the degree of function and disability of an individual unless contra-indicated by a doctor's professional judgement or a doctor's admission notes;
- Performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician;
- Participates with others in the formulation of an individual's total care plan;
- May participate in the selection of personnel in the physical therapy program and assigns their duties and provides supervision;
- Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy policies and procedures;
- Confers periodically with a physician regarding facets of care and related activities;
- Records physical therapy evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultations, and summaries;
- Instructs individuals and their families in physical therapy procedures to be continued at home;
- May assist in the development of, instruct and participate in, health care facility in-service education programs;
- May perform in specialties such as pediatric, gerontologic, or pulmonary physical therapy;
- May maintain program records including but not limited to the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles, techniques, and practices of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting an individual's disabilities; working knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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