

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 the direct supervision of a qualified Physical Therapist who evaluates the patient, develops the treatment plan, and designates specific responsibility to the Assistant. Supervision may be exercised over a small number of aides. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Performs a variety of physical therapy treatment procedures in accordance with a medically-approved program; Prepares, sets up, and maintains physical therapy treatment areas and equipment; Provides for and observes safety precautions during all phases of treatment; Participates with other personnel in the formulation of the patients' total health care plans when appropriate; Maintains records and enters records of treatment on patient charts; Maintains work area and monitors supplies; Attends and may participate in patient conferences; Participates in in-service educational programs; May supervise Physical Therapy Aides as required; Performs record-keeping functions related to maintenance and execution of the physical therapy program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Working knowledge of the principles, techniques, and terminology of physical therapy; Working knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; Working knowledge of human anatomy and physiology; Working knowledge of the concepts and scope and limitations of physical therapy; Ability to communicate with other personnel as appropriate; Ability to follow oral and written instructions; Ability to plan and supervise the work of others; Skill in observing and recording patients' responses to treatments; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Associate's degree in a Physical Therapy Assistant Program or approved by the American Physical Therapy Association; OR
- B. Certification and Current Registration by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist Assistant

NOTE: Possession of a valid New York State driver's license may be required at time of appointment and maintained during employment.

NOTE: Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS: In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, candidates for appointment in school districts must obtain clearance for employment from the State Education Department prior to employment based upon a fingerprint and criminal history background check.

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