

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing physical therapy treatment for persons, in accordance with written prescription or referral of a physician who provides medical direction. The Physical Therapist may work under the direction of a Physician, or an institutional Superior. Supervision may be exercised over the work of institutional subordinates in matters relating to therapeutic, patient care and treatment. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of residents unless contra-indicated by professional judgement or a doctor's admission notes;
Performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician;
Participates with other personnel in the formulation of patient's total care plans;
Participates in the selection of personnel in the physical therapy service, assigns their duties and provides supervision;
Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy policies and procedures;
Confers periodically with Supervising Physical Therapist and physicians regarding all facets of resident care and related activities;
Prepares materials for the development of, instructs and participates in the facility in-service-education program;
Records on patient's charts all physical therapy evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, consultation and discharge summaries;
Maintains program records including, but not limited to, the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment and number of patients treated.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, 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 socioeconomic factors affecting a patient's disabilities; working knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy; ability to plan and super-vice the work of others; ability to get along well with others.

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