

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for providing direct physical therapy services to patients upon referral from a licensed physician who provides medical direction. The work is performed under the general direction and supervision of a higher level physical therapist, if available, otherwise, the facility's medical director. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title, do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Performs physical therapy procedures, evaluations and diagnostic tests for patients referred by a licensed physician;

Teaches appropriate treatment procedures and supportive activities to patients and facility members;

Instructs other professional personnel in procedures for the prevention of deformity, correction of defects and the promotion of health;

Develops needed plans for modifying equipment, appliances and the physical surroundings of the patient;

Confers periodically with the supervising physical therapists regarding all facets of patient care and related activities;

Reports to and discusses with the attending physician patient's progress for medical direction relative to treatment program.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the principles and practices of physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting disabilities; ability to get along well with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a license, and current registration, issued by the New York State Department of Education to practice as a Physical Therapist.

ULSTER COUNTY
4780 PHYS THER
Classification: Competitive
Grade: 17
Union: CSEA

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