

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

TOMPKINS COUNTY

Department Health
Classification Competitive
Labor Grade O(15)
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By HH, Commissioner of Personnel

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluating, planning and providing physical therapy treatment to patients in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician who provides medical direction. The Physical Therapist is responsible to the Supervising Community Health Nurse. Supervision may be exercised over the work of Aides assigned to the service. The incumbent will perform all related duties as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of patients unless contra-indicated by his professional judgment or a doctor's admission notes;
Designs and performs physical therapy procedures upon the written order or referral of a licensed physician;
Instructs and supervises Home Health Aides in the performance of Physical Therapy related tasks in the home;
Participates with other personnel in the formulation of patients' total care plans;
Assists in the development of physical therapy policies and procedures;
Confers periodically with a supervisor and physicians regarding all facets of patient care and related activities;
Assists in the development of, instructs and participates in the facility in-service education program;
Records on patients' charts all physical therapy evaluations;
Teaches professionally appropriate material to parent classes, Home Health Aide classes and community groups.

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 the pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a patient'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;
The employee's physical condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

The candidate must possess a current New York State Physical Therapist license and registration **AND** must possess at least one year of clinical experience in the Physical Therapy field.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:

The candidate must possess a valid New York State driver's license at the time of appointment and maintain such license for the duration of employment.

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