

DEPARTMENT: ALL APPLICABLE
CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: AUGUST 23, 2013

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for physical therapy casework in a program designed to meet the needs of individuals referred to the program. The incumbent evaluates, plans, and provides physical therapy treatment to students in accordance with a referral from a physician or other health provider. Progress is discussed with the program coordinator, physicians and other health care professionals, parents, and an educational team. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level administrator, doctor, or program coordinator. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Performs initial screening, evaluation and consultation for students referred to the program;
2. Develops goals, treatment objectives and therapeutic activities and tasks to be incorporated into the student's individualized treatment plan;
3. Implements physical therapy or oversees activities implemented by therapy assistants or other staff providing guidance as necessary;
4. Maintains written case notes and other documentation as required by state law or local regulations;
5. Attends and participates in staff conferences on student needs and progress;
6. Meets with physicians and other staff to coordinate physical therapy treatment, review student progress and adjust goals and activities as necessary;
7. Develops home based programs where appropriate;
8. Assesses and makes recommendations regarding adaptive and orthotic equipment needs and monitors equipment status;
9. Maintains daily time sheets and Medicaid or Medicare or other insurance statistic sheets as appropriate.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the methods, procedures and objectives of physical therapy; good knowledge of physical therapy equipment and apparatus; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a student's disabilities; working knowledge of the terminology and practices of modern social casework; ability to organize and maintain accurate records and files; ability to understand and interpret complex oral instructions and/or written directions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to deal effectively with the public; ability to understand and empathize with the needs and concerns of others; honesty; integrity; ability to lift heavy objects and provide physical support to students; 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.