

Spec. Code:	0293
Occ. Area:	02
Work Area:	444
Prob. Period:	6 mo.
Prom. Line:	None
Effective Date:	10/01/11
Last Action	Rev.

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Function of Job

Under general supervision of a licensed physical therapist, to be responsible for a physical therapeutic program.

Characteristic Duties and Responsibilities

1. directs and instructs patients in physical development activities; instructs, motivates, safeguards and assists patients as they practice exercises and functional activities
2. performs physical treatment procedures according to the Physical Therapist's plan of care, under the supervision of a Physical Therapist
3. observes patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on their responses and progress, and provide results to physical therapist in person or through progress notes
4. trains patients in performing exercises, ambulation skills, activities of daily living, and in the use of ambulation and elevation skills and equipment; communicates with or instructs caregivers and family members on patient therapeutic activities and treatment plans
5. documents physical therapy services provided in accordance with departmental standards
6. confers with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, and coordinating treatment
7. attends department in-services and staff meetings, represents department at clinics and rounds as assigned, and participates in teaching and research as necessary
8. coordinates patient care with other healthcare professionals as needed
9. performs administrative tasks related to patient care, such as charge entry, data entry, etc.
10. performs other related duties as assigned

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE QUALIFICATIONS

CREDENTIALS TO BE VERIFIED BY PLACEMENT OFFICER

1. Licensure as a Physical Therapy Assistant from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at time of employment

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (KSAs)

1. Knowledge of customer and personal service
2. Working knowledge of medical terminology
3. Written and oral communication skills
4. Basic computer skills
5. Ability to read, comprehend and follow complex instructions
6. Ability to work with persons from a variety of cultural, economic and educational backgrounds
7. Ability to adjust delegated treatment activities to the age specific needs of the patient
8. Ability to establish and maintain supportive interpersonal relationships with patient and families, co-workers, and students and volunteers
9. Manual dexterity