

Class Concept

Employees in this class assist physical therapists in the administration of physical therapy treatments in a State institution, hospital, or local agency. Employees assist physical therapists in the administration of skilled physical therapy treatments and treatment programs, provide a variety of routine maintenance activities and/or assist residential staff to perform routine maintenance activities to maintain gross and fine motor skills. Employees in this class schedule patients, prepare treatment areas, assist patients in preparation for treatment, and obtain supplies. All treatments and treatment programs are prescribed by a Physical Therapist. Employees work under the direction of a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Basic knowledge of physical therapy principles, techniques, methods, treatment modalities and their proper application.
- Basic knowledge of functional anatomy, physiology, and skeletal biomechanics.
- Skill in the administration of or assistance with routine physical therapy treatment.
- Ability to recognize basic patient vital signs.
- Ability to report patient progress through oral and written communications.
- Ability to work effectively with patients of various ages, mental competence and physical disabilities.
- Basic computer skills.

Minimum Education and Experience

High school or General Educational Development (GED) diploma and one year of health care experience in Physical Therapy; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.