

PHYSICAL THERAPIST II

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Work in this class involves the independent administration and coordination of a physical therapy program in a specialty area that may include the supervision of support staff. Employees plan and coordinate a physical therapy sub-program which may be specialize by screening, evaluating, program planning and development, and assessing program needs. Employees may function independently in a specialized physical therapy role in the evaluation and treatment of the more complex or specialized clients such as the neurologically impaired, developmentally disabled or burned. Employees may plan and coordinate on-the-job education for professional and non-professional personnel or perform in a specialized consultant role for community based programs. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level therapist or medical director and is reviewed through oral conferences and written reports for program success.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Develops plans for new and specialized programs within special service units; evaluates existing programs with physicians and medical staff and makes appropriate modifications.
Administers a variety of the physical therapy treatments based on evaluation of patient needs, such as infra-red, paraffin, electrical and sonic stimulation, muscle testing diathermy, hydrotherapy, nerve conductions, ultraviolet lamp, re-education; and strengthen
Schedules patient treatments for staff therapist and technicians and may recommend specific treatment plans; coordinates and evaluates total treatment plan with medical staff.
Provides physical therapy consulting services to community-based programs or outpatient clinics.
Coordinates patient and equipment transportation, maintenance of equipment, scheduling and other administrative matters as needed.
Maintains contact with employees: coordinates relations between support personnel and other employees.
Plans in-service education for therapists, technicians, physical therapy interns, and medical personnel and/or trains non-professionals in community based programs.
Recommends to supervisor personnel, budget, equipment, and program needs.
Performs related duties as required.

RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of physical therapy principles, techniques, methods, modalities, and their proper application in the area of specialty.
Ability to plan, coordinate, and conduct on-the-job training and in-service education programs for support personnel and volunteers.
Ability to plan, coordinate, and lead a physical therapy service sub-program.
Ability to instruct and supervise subordinate staff members, student interns, volunteers, and other medical personnel in physical therapy methods and techniques.
Ability to prepare and evaluate reports, medical histories, and departmental records.
Ability to work effectively with all patients, patients' families, medical, nursing; and other staff members, and to deal tactfully with the public.

Minimum Education and Experience

Licensed as a Physical Therapist in the State of North Carolina and two years of experience as a physical therapist; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.