

## PHYSICAL THERAPY CONSULTANT

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK

This is consultative work in planning, developing, coordinating, and administering a variety of physical therapy activities in a regional public health program of physical therapy.

Employee is responsible for the development, implementation, and/or maintenance of physical therapy programs in a region of the State. Work includes: interpreting section goals and activities of the physical therapy aspects of health programs to other regional public health consultant team members and local communities; administering physical therapy treatments in the home and local health department clinics; and participating in the planning and implementation of in-service training programs for local health personnel. Work may also include participation in teaching programs as related to public health physical therapy to student interns. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level consultant or supervisor and is reviewed and evaluated through periodic conferences and reports to determine the success of regional programs.

### EXAMPLES OF DUTIES PERFORMED

Functions as a member of the regional public health consultant team to plan, implement, and coordinate activities for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive public health program; develops guidelines and promotes standards of physical therapy practices.

Surveys area and secures data to assist in the identification of community health needs and resources; works with health groups, organizations, and facilities in the development and integration of needed services in their programs.

Participates with consultants of other allied disciplines in the development and implementation of educational programs for local health personnel including in-service, continued education, and formal curricula.

Consults with appropriate personnel in furthering the development and integration of physical therapy activities and community health programs.

Provides consultations to the medicare-medicaid section, the fiscal intermediary, and providers of service in the implementation of standards of physical therapy practice.

Provides consultations and instructs health personnel, family members, and others relative to patient management on an individual or group basis.

Promotes principles and policies governing physical therapy aspects of patient care in field clinics, home health agencies, nursing homes, and extended health care facilities; provides consultations to agencies and institutions desirous of extending physical therapy services to patients.

Receives public health physical therapy referrals and treats patients according to prescription.

Performs related duties as required.

### RECRUITMENT STANDARDS

#### Knowledges, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of physical therapy principles, techniques, modalities, and their proper application.

General knowledge of basic public health principles and practices.

Ability to teach physical therapy treatments to patients, patients' families, nurses, and other medical personnel.

Ability to prepare and evaluate reports.

Ability to communicate with medical, nursing rehabilitative, and other professional personnel and coordinate physical therapy activities of a regional program.

#### Minimum Education and Experience

Licensed as a Physical Therapist in the State of North Carolina and three years of experience as a physical therapist, one year of which should be in public health; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.