

PHYSICAL THERAPIST 1

Nature of Work: Under general supervision, performs professional, full-performance level work providing physical therapy services to patients in a state facility. Receives written orders from physicians in the form of prescriptions. Conducts or delegates physical therapy exercises or treatments to be performed. Writes evaluative reports. Trains staff, student nurses or family members in proper treatment of patients. Significant latitude for professional discretion in the performance of duties is afforded in this position. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

Plans and administers medically prescribed physical therapy treatment.

Plans, supervises and participates in the total program of physical therapy activities; arranges schedules of client, subordinates, and others.

Administers individual client assessment tests; evaluates client needs; develops physical therapy treatment plans and conducts and/or directs the implementation of treatment for individual patients.

Develops unit equipment purchase and budget recommendations; interviews applicants and recommends appointment of staff.

May develop and conduct formal training programs relating to physical therapy for intern students, nursing staff and volunteers.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of principles and techniques of physical therapy.

Knowledge of specialized equipment used in professional physical therapy treatment.

Ability to develop techniques and procedures for professional physical therapy treatment.

Ability to supervise and make tests and examinations including nerve and muscle tests and to determine needs for various treatments.

Ability to present ideas clearly and concisely.

Ability to exercise good judgment in evaluating situations.

Minimum Qualifications

Special Requirement: Applicants must be licensed as a Physical Therapist in West Virginia.

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