

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Position Details

Class Code: 4421

Job Family: Para-Professional, Aides and Assistants

Classification: Support Professional

Terms of Employment: Pay Grade 50 on the Support Professional Salary Schedule

FLSA STATUS: NON-EXEMPT

Position Summary

Under general supervision, and direction of a Licensed Physical Therapist (LPT), provides physical therapy service and assistance to students with disabilities.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

This list of Essential Duties and Responsibilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented.

1. Participates in therapeutic procedures as designated by the supervising physical therapist.
2. Contributes to progress reports and helps collect data for Individualized Education Plans.
3. Maintains current records in accordance with school, state, and federal regulations.
4. Assists the physical therapist with establishing goals for students, developing and monitoring individual and group therapy activities.
5. Consults with the supervising therapist concerning implementation and status of therapy goals (feeding programs, positioning, equipment, etc.).
6. Constructs, modifies, and maintains adaptive equipment for positioning, activities of daily living (ADL), and vocational and classroom use.
7. Carries out general activity program for students with disabilities.

8. Assists in monitoring the educational environment for accessibility.
 9. Helps ensure accurate and safe use of equipment and that handling techniques are carried out correctly across all environments; ensures that equipment is constructed properly and maintained in good working order.
 10. Assists with instructing the educational staff concerning use of adaptive equipment, positioning activities, and integration of therapy goals into the classroom and academic activities to enhance function.
 11. May administer first aid and/or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillator (CPR/AED) when necessary.
 12. Conforms to safety standards, as prescribed.
 13. Performs other tasks related to the position, as assigned.
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Distinguishing Characteristics

Involves assisting a Licensed Physical Therapist in administering physical therapy activities in the instructional environment for identified students with disabilities. These services include contribution to and participation in intervention and documentation processes.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (Position Expectations)

1. Knowledge of health and safety practices and procedures, as well as the ability to monitor and direct others in health and safety areas of concern.
2. Knowledge of methods of observation, recording, and data collection that apply to the monitoring of therapy objectives.
3. Knowledge of routine physical therapy practices.
4. Knowledge of basic first aid, CPR/AED, and Universal Precautions.
5. Ability to perform activities that require various degrees of physical strength to handle and lift students with severe physical limitations.
6. Ability to comply with state rules, regulations, and statutes, Clark County School District policies, regulations, practices and procedures, and master contract agreements.
7. Ability to prepare and maintain pertinent records and reports.
8. Ability to understand the concerns of other people.
9. Ability and desire to foster the student's independence and sense of self worth and to aid in the student's understanding of individual differences.

10. Ability to work and communicate effectively with students having various cognitive and physical limitations.
 11. Ability to work independently without constant/direct supervision.
 12. Ability to maintain the confidentiality of information.
 13. Ability to develop rapport, open communication, and empathy for student(s), parent(s), and/or guardian(s).
 14. Ability to interpret and apply oral and written instructions.
 15. Ability to work with students in many non-traditional treatment settings.
 16. Ability to exercise judgment as when to act independently and when to refer matters to a supervisor or an administrator.
 17. Ability to work flexible hours or shifts.
 18. Ability to work cooperatively with employees, other agencies, and the public.
 19. Ability to recognize and report hazards and apply safe work methods.
 20. Possess physical and mental stamina commensurate with the responsibilities of the position.
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Position Requirements

Education, Training, and Experience

1. Associate's degree - Physical Therapist Assistant (completion of a physical therapist assistant educational program that is approved by the American Physical Therapy Association; all field work requirements).
2. Safe driving history.

Licenses and Certifications

1. A valid driver's license that allows the applicant/employee to legally operate a motor vehicle in Nevada. License must be maintained for the duration of the assignment.
2. Copy of current driving history (dated within six (6) months from the date printed) issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles at time of application or Qualified Selection Pool (QSP) placement and at time of interview prior to final selection.
3. Licensed by the Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Must be maintained for the duration of assignment.
4. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certificate from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other similar organization. Certification must be maintained for the duration of the assignment. Certification training must be in-person and include a hands-on

component. Online courses will not be accepted. A copy of the front and back of the CPR/AED certificate must be uploaded into the application.

Preferred Qualifications

Two (2) years experience as a Physical Therapy Assistant.

Document(s) Required at Time of Application

1. College transcripts.
 2. Copy of current driving history (dated within six (6) months from date printed) issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.
 3. A valid driver's license that allows the applicant/employee to legally operate a motor vehicle in Nevada.
 4. Nevada State Board of Physical Therapy License.
 5. Current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automatic External Defibrillator certificate as indicated above. A copy of the front and back of the CPR/AED certificate must be uploaded into the application.
 6. Specific documented evidence of training and experience to satisfy qualifications.
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Examples of Assigned Work Areas

Clark County School District facilities; testing centers, classrooms, offices, etc.
Extensive travel to and from District schools and other District facilities.

Work Environment

Strength

Medium/Heavy-Exert force 50-100 lbs., frequently; 25-45 lbs., occasionally; 10-20 lbs. constantly. May involve significant standing, walking, carrying, pushing, pulling, or moving objects.

Physical Demand

Frequent sitting, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, hearing, talking, repetitive fine motor activities, reaching, handling, talking, and hearing. Occasional stooping, kneeling, and crouching. Hearing and speech to communicate in person or over the telephone. Vision: Frequent near acuity and occasional far acuity, depth perception, and focal

length change. Occasional color vision and peripheral vision. Vision to read printed materials, a Video Display Terminal (VDT) screen, or other monitoring devices.

Environmental Conditions

Climate-controlled office/classroom setting to work outdoors with temperatures ranging from mild/moderate to extreme cold/heat. Exposure to noise levels ranging from moderate to loud for occasional to frequent time periods.

Hazards

Furniture, playground/office equipment, communicable diseases, chemicals, and fumes (as related to specific assignment), and power/hand-operated equipment and machinery (as related to specific assignment).

Examples of Equipment/Supplies Used to Perform Tasks

Computers, various test batteries, copy machines, telephones, fax machines, and testing materials.

AA/EOE Statement

This employer does not knowingly discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, or national origin.

Job Revision Information

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- Created: 07/01/88