

PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN II

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is complex technical physical therapy work.

Employees in this class perform the full range of complex sub-professional duties in the administration of physical therapy.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be performed.)

Performs physical therapy treatment procedures according to planned program; directs and assists patients in active and passive exercises, gait and functional training and the application and use of assistive or supportive devices; treats patients utilizing electrotherapy and hydrotherapy procedures such as heat, light, sound, water, cold and other physical means.

Encourages activity participation and reports on behavior and reactions.

Gives instructions on exercises to be performed at home.

Instructs nursing staff on proper supportive assistance of patients.

Maintains and assembles treatment equipment.

Observes safety precautions in the use of physical therapy equipment.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the practical methods and techniques of physical therapy.

Knowledge of the use and care of physical therapy equipment.

Knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology and human growth and development.

Knowledge of precautions and techniques for assisting patients in emergencies.

Ability to carry out approved treatment plan and procedures.

Ability to explain therapeutic activities to patients and other personnel.

Ability to follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to assist patients prepare for treatment and with various treatment procedures and equipment.

Ability to make observations of changes or reactions in patients and accuracy in reporting such observation.

Ability to exercise emotional control and conceal natural aversion for certain patient condition.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to apply safe work practices on the job.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

(A) Two years of experience as a Physical Therapy Technician I and graduation from high school; or

(B) Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

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