

Adopted: January 18, 1979

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is a professional position involving responsibility for evaluation, consultation and providing physical therapy treatment to students in accordance with written prescription or referral from a physician. The Physical therapist must have a referral for physical therapy in accordance with State Education Law 131A prior to implementation of a planned therapeutic program. The incumbent serves as a liaison to the medical and educational communities by collecting and interpreting data as it relates to handicapped children. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Evaluates the degree of function and disability of handicapped children;

Performs physical therapy procedures upon referral of a licensed physician;

Participates with other personnel in the formulation of the child's care plan;

Develops or assists in the development of physical therapy programs in conjunction with the Committee of the Handicapped;

Confers periodically with physicians regarding all facets of child's care and related activities;

Records on students' medical records, all physical therapy evaluations, re-evaluations, progress notes, and consultation;

Maintains program records including but not limited to the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment and number of patients treated.

Provides in service education for staff and supportive personnel.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of physical therapy; good knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy; good knowledge of pathological conditions and socio-economic factors affecting a disability; working knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.