

Job Description: Physical Therapist

Definition:

Physical Therapist is a highly competent, valuable provider, who through clinical experience and education provides services that help restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease.

Qualifications:

- Current license to practice as a Licensed Physical Therapist in the state of placement.
- Graduate of an accredited physical therapist educational program.
- Must possess and maintain current Basic Life Support certification.
- At least one (1) year of skilled practice within the past (2) years.
- Must possess a comprehensive working knowledge of anatomy, biomechanics, general medical conditions, as well as therapeutic procedures and interventions for these conditions.

Functions:

1. Examines patient's medical histories and then test and measure the patient's strength, range of motion, balance and coordination, posture, muscle performance, respiration and motor function.
2. Uses electrical stimulation, hot or cold compresses, and ultrasound to relieve pain and reduce swelling.
3. Uses traction or deep tissue massage to relive pain.
4. Teaches use of assistive and adaptive devices such as crutches, prosthetic and wheelchairs.
5. Show patients exercises to do at home to expedite their recovery.
6. Develops treatment plans describing a treatment strategy, its purpose and its anticipated outcomes.
7. Documents patients' progress, conducts periodic examinations, and modifies treatments when necessary.
8. Determines patients' ability to be independent and reintegrate into the community or workplace after injury or illness.
9. Discharges patients from physical therapy when goals or projected outcomes have been attained and provides for appropriate follow up care or referrals.
10. Informs patients when diagnosis reveals findings outside their scope and refers to an appropriate practitioner.

Physical Demands and Working Conditions:

- Work is of medium physical demand; walking and standing most of the time on duty.
- Motor coordination and manual dexterity to coordinate hands, eyes and fingers.

- Sometimes physically demanding because they have to stoop, bend, kneel, couch or lift.
- Practice on hospitals, clinics, and private offices that have specially equipped facilities, or they treat patients in hospital rooms, homes or schools.

By my signature below, I confirm that I have read the Physical Therapist Job description and understand the contents thereof to be an accurate representation of my role while on an assignment with Worldwide Travel Staffing, Limited.

Signature

Date

Printed Name