



JOB CLASSIFICATION

Classification Title:	Physical Therapist	Salary Grade:	17
Department(s):	ESE	Contract Period:	10 months
Job Purpose Summary			
Plans and administers physical therapy treatment for students suffering from injuries, or muscle, nerve, joint and bone diseases, to enhance the student's education program.			
Essential Job Responsibilities			
Reviews Physician's referral (prescription) and student's condition and medical records to determine physical therapy treatment required.			
Tests and measures student's strength, motor development, sensory perception, functional capacity, and records findings to develop or revise treatment programs.			
Plans and prepares written treatment program based on evaluation of data.			
Administers manual exercises to improve and maintain function.			
Instructs, motivates, and assists student to perform various physical activities to facilitate student's development and enhance their learning capability.			
Evaluates effects of treatment at various stages and adjusts treatments to achieve maximum benefit.			
Records student's treatment, response, and progress.			
Confers with professional colleagues, including educational team to prepare and implement Individual Educational Plans and evaluation reports.			
Orients, instructs, and directs work activities of assistants/aides.			
Consults with teachers, parents, and/or professional colleagues to identify an activity program consistent with needs and capabilities of the student and to coordinate occupational therapy with other activities.			
Supervisory Responsibilities			
May have supervisory responsibilities.			
Job Requirements			
Minimum Education and Experience:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school diploma or general education degree (GED). • Completion of an accredited Physical Therapy Program approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Physical Therapy Association. • Up-to-date Physical Therapist License within the State of Florida. • Six months related experience and/or training, three years related experience and/or training preferred. 			
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of spreadsheet software and word processing software. • Ability to speak clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations. • Ability to make decisions; Exhibit sound and accurate judgment; Support and explain reasoning for decisions; Include appropriate people in decision-making process; Make timely decisions. • Ability to observe safety and security procedures; Report potentially unsafe conditions • Ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists 			
Physical Demands:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Work: Exerting up to 20 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 10 pounds of force as frequently as needed to move objects. • The employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to stand and walk. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision. 			
Date Board Approved:			
DISCLAIMER: The above information on this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees in this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job.			
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