

*Code: 4182*

*Title: TECHNICIAN, PHYSICAL THERAPY*

**SUMMARY:** Positions within this support level classification are responsible for assisting physical therapists in the provision of prescribed therapy.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:** (Work assignments may vary depending on the department's needs and will be communicated to the applicant or incumbent by the supervisor.)

Assists with physical therapy procedures including hot packs, whirlpool baths, paraffin baths, massages, exercise routines, ultrasound, and ultraviolet treatment;  
Transports patients to and from therapy;  
Prepares and positions patients for treatment;  
Assists therapist in supporting patient during ambulation to prevent injuries;  
Assists in instructing patients in the use of braces, crutches, wheelchairs, and related devices;  
Reports patient reaction tolerance to supervisor;  
Assists in the completion of patient treatment reports;  
Schedules patients for treatment and maintains records;  
Assists in repairing wheelchairs and other therapeutic equipment.

**KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:**

Knowledge of:

- the principles, practices, and techniques involved in the provision of medical care;
- the operation of physical therapy equipment;
- safety procedures used in transporting and positioning patients and operating physical therapy equipment;
- basic physical therapy procedures and treatments;
- English grammar, spelling and punctuation;
- basic therapeutic exercise.

Skill in:

- applying physical therapy techniques;
- establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with others;
- communicating effectively, both orally and in writing;
- maintaining records;
- interpreting prescriptions, developing and implementing treatment plans;
- maintaining a safe environment for patients, staff and visitors;
- maintaining acceptable levels and quality of service.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Any combination of training and experience which demonstrates the minimum knowledge and skills.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

**Physical/Sensory Requirements:** Positions within this category are routinely required to move and manipulate patients and equipment of various weights and sizes for extended periods of time.

**Special Notice Items:** Certain positions within this category require additional training, experience and certification. Some positions in this classification may be assigned duties involving support of occupational therapy. Department of Labor regulation CFR Part 1910.1030 requires notification that this category may have a high risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens. Hepatitis B vaccine will be provided.

This class specification is intended to indicate the basic nature of positions allocated to the class and examples of typical duties that may be assigned. It does not imply that all positions within the class perform all of the duties listed, nor does it necessarily list all possible duties that may be assigned.

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