

 Job Description

**Job Title:** Physical Therapy Assistant

**Classification**: PRN/Non-exempt

**Education Required**: Associate’s degree from accredited school for Physical Therapy Assistant

**Reports to**: Physical Therapy Department Head

**Creation Date**: 3/3/2013

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**Job Description Summary**: Promotes and maintains health by providing physical therapy services under the supervision of a physical therapist.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

• Contribute to physical therapist's effectiveness by identifying patient care issues; providing information; recommending options and courses of action; implementing physical therapy directives.

• Assess patient health by interviewing patients; performing physical examinations; obtaining, updating, and studying therapy histories.

• Assess abnormal conditions by reviewing physical therapist’s interpretations of patient evaluations and test results.

• Document patient care services by charting in patient and department records.

• Perform therapeutic procedures by administering manual exercises; instructing, encouraging, and assisting patients in performing physical activities, such as non-manual exercises, ambulatory functional activities, and daily-living activities; and in using supportive devices, such as crutches, canes, and prostheses.

• Instruct and counsel patients by describing therapeutic regimens; giving normal growth and development information; promoting wellness and health maintenance.

• Provide continuity of care by developing and implementing patient management plans.

• Maintain safe and clean working environment by complying with procedures, rules, and regulations; adhering to infection-control policies and protocols.

• Maintain production objectives by noting current treatment trends; monitoring actual physical therapy services rendered to production objectives.

• Maintain legal and accreditation compliance by adhering to policy positions concerning federal, state, and local regulations, and Joint Commission standards; anticipating emerging issues.

• Update job knowledge by participating in educational opportunities; reading professional publications; maintaining personal networks; participating in professional organizations.

• Other duties as may be assigned.

**Job Requirements**

**Education:** Graduation with an Associate’s degree from accredited school for physical therapy assistantrequired.

**Licensure/Certification:** Indiana Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant

**Experience:** Two years of previous experience as a physical therapy assistant. Specific knowledge of adaptive equipment and physical therapy models, practices, and theories. Ability to adhere to safety practices.

**Physical Requirements:** Frequent walking and standing with occasional sitting. Pulling, pushing, lifting, bending and stooping. Must be able to frequently lift up to 50 lbs without assistance.