



## **JOB SUMMARY:**

Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. In accordance with State laws, may assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance to patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist.

## **JOB ACCOUNTABILITIES\*:**

- Administer manual techniques as directed by physical therapist.
- Prepare treatment areas and application of modalities.
- Instruct, motivate, and safeguard and assist patients as they practice exercises and functional activities.
- Perform clerical duties such as taking inventory, ordering supplies, answering telephone, taking messages, and filling out forms.
- Confer with physical therapy staff and others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, and coordinating treatment.
- Administer active and passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, and modalities.
- Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on patients' responses and progress, and report to physical therapist.
- Measure patients' range of joint motion, body parts, and vital signs to determine effects of treatments or for patient evaluations.
- Secure patients into or onto therapy equipment.
- Fit patients for orthopedic braces, prostheses and supportive devices, such as crutches, etc.
- Train patients in the use of orthopedic braces, prostheses, and supportive devices.
- Monitor operation of equipment and record use of equipment and administration of treatment.
- Clean work area and check and store equipment after treatment.
- Assist patients to dress, undress, and put on and remove supportive devices, such as braces, splints, and slings.

## **JOB QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Minimum Education: Physical Therapist Assistant Degree

- Minimum Qualification: Licensed in the State of Virginia
- Minimum Experience: Exposure to clinic setting in school

**SKILLS:**

- Oral and written communication
- Reading Comprehension
- Public Speaking
- Confidentiality
- Decision Making
- Critical Thinking
- Ethical Practice
- Instruction
- Monitoring

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