

JOB DESCRIPTION: PHYSICAL THERAPY-ASSISTANT

POSITION SUMMARY

Provides physical therapy treatments to home care clients under the supervision of a qualified Physical Therapist in accordance with the Plan of Care.

Reports to: Physical Therapist

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Licensed to practice as a Physical Therapy-Assistant in the state(s) of employment.
2. Graduate of a two-year college level program approved by the American Physical Therapy Association.
3. Minimum of six (6) months experience as a Physical Therapy-Assistant.
4. Good written and verbal communication skills and interpersonal skills.
5. Current driver's license, good driving record, and reliable transportation.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTION/AREAS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Provides services and education/training to clients in their homes following the Physician's Plan of Care and the specific functions identified in the therapy care plan.
 - a. Evaluates the effectiveness of the current plan and client progress.
 - b. Completes visits in a timely manner and in accordance with agency policy.
 - c. Documents all services provided, observations, client progress, and recommendations according to established policy. Submits documentation to the agency per guidelines.
 - d. Reports changes to the therapist and/or the nursing supervisor in a timely manner.
2. Participates in interdisciplinary activities per agency guidelines.
 - a. Attends client care conferences as needed to provide information to other members of the team.
 - b. Promotes referrals to other disciplines as appropriate.
 - c. Attends staff meetings and continuing education programs.
 - d. Participates in the agency quality improvement activities pertinent to role of Physical Therapy-Assistant.

3. Promotes personal safety and a safe environment for clients and coworkers.
 - a. Demonstrates knowledge of safety and infection control practices by compliance with agency policies and procedures.
 - b. Recognizes and reports potentially unsafe situations.
 - c. Demonstrates safe practice in the use of equipment.
 - d. Assesses environment and initiates actions to prevent accidents and promote safety.
4. Maintains confidentiality in all aspects of the job.
 - a. Respects confidentiality of information in the client's clinical record and shares this information in accordance with agency policy.
 - b. Does not discuss client or staff identities, conditions, or circumstances in public or with others who are not professionally involved with the situation/person.
 - c. Protects written confidential documents in a manner that prevents unauthorized access.
5. Performs job in compliance with agency policies and procedures and professional and community standards.
 - a. Accepts responsibility in accordance with the role of Physical Therapy–Assistant
 - b. Provides services in accordance with applicable state, and federal standards.
 - c. Attends meetings and required educational programs as required.
 - d. Accepts responsibility for personal and professional development. Identifies learning/developmental needs.
6. Performs additional duties and responsibilities as deemed necessary.

PHYSICAL/ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS

See ADA Requirements.

I have read and understand the above job description of a Physical Therapy–Assistant.

Signed _____ Date _____