

CLASS TITLE: THERAPY AIDE

Class Code: 02801100
Pay Grade: 14A
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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To assist physical and occupational therapists by preparing, supervising or escorting patients before, during and following evaluation and treatment procedures; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Works under the direct supervision of a superior from whom work assignments related to physical and occupational therapy procedures are specified; work is subject to review in process and upon completion for compliance with accepted standards.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: May assist or direct patients or may occasionally direct other therapy aides in physical or occupational therapy treatment.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To assist physical and occupational therapists by preparing, supervising or escorting patients before, during and following evaluation and treatment procedures.

To maintain and clean physical and occupational therapy equipment.

To prepare supplies and areas to be used for patient/client treatment in occupational or physical therapy.

To transport patients/clients to and from physical and occupational therapy areas to receive treatment.

To perform designated routine tasks related to the operation of a physical or occupational therapy service.

To adjust equipment and supplies as directed by physical and occupational therapy staff.

To perform predetermined general office procedures.

To supervise patients/clients engaged in physical or occupational therapy programs as required.

To assist physical and occupational therapists in gait training activities.

To assist patients/clients as specified in use of self-help activities.

To assist occupational and physical therapists in simple fabrication of self-help devices for the disabled.

To confer with occupational or physical therapists to arrange details of daily patient/client assignment.

To escort patients/clients within therapy treatment areas and provide supervision as necessary.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A familiarity with practices involved in physical and occupational therapy programs designed to reduce patient/client disability; the ability to establish interpersonal relationships with patients/clients and staff; a familiarity with physical, mental and developmental disabilities observed in physical and occupational therapy settings; the ability to direct patients/clients toward therapeutic goals; the ability to follow specific instructions related to patient/client evaluation and treatment; the ability to observe specific precautions related to physical and occupational therapy procedures; the ability to observe patient/client for signs of fatigue and distress; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Education: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from senior high school or its equivalent;
and

Experience: Such as may have been gained through: employment in a physical or occupational therapy program in a public or private hospital, institution or rehabilitation center for (1) year.

Or, any combination of education and experience that shall be substantially equivalent to the above education and experience.

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