

Job Title: **Physical Therapist Assistant**

JOB SUMMARY

Works under the direct supervision of a Licensed Physical Therapist. Assists in implementation of various physical therapy treatments and related duties as designed by the Physical Therapist.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Following established procedures and observing safety precautions in the application and use of heat, cold, light, water, sound and machine only after the patient had had an initial evaluation by a licensed Physical Therapist.
- Carry out positioning and exercise.
- Training patients in exercise, ambulation, and activities of daily living.
- Assist the physical therapist with set up and treatment of equipment, braces, and various duties as assigned by the physical therapist.
- Observing and reporting patient responses to treatment to the physical therapist.
- Serving as an assistant to the physical therapy when the physical therapist performs tests, evaluations and complex treatment procedures, and implementation of protocol.
- Complete all treatment documentation for patients treated within 48 hours.
- Complying with procedures to maintain supplies and equipment.
- Must be able to relate to and work with ill, disabled, elderly, emotionally upset people within the facility
- May be required to lift materials weighing up to 45 lbs.
- Any other assigned responsibilities to affect the smooth operation and efficiency of the Center as assigned by the Program Director.

SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS

- High school graduate.
- Satisfactorily completed a two-year program for physical therapy assistants from an accredited institution. Or must have been engaged as a Physical Therapy Assistant full-time for at least two years prior to November 21, 1977.
- Certification to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the State of Arizona.
- Be committed to providing quality patient care.