

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST SUPERVISOR****NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:**

This is complex professional and supervisory work involved in the administration of physical therapy services for the hospital.

**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:** (Any one position may not include all the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all duties which may be performed.)

Supervises the planning and administration of medically prescribed physical therapy rehabilitation and treatment for patients suffering from injuries, or muscle, nerve, joint and bone diseases, to restore function, relieve pain, and prevent disability.

Ensures that practitioners review physician's diagnosis and referral orders; supervises the administration of proper therapy, which range from conservative treatment using physical agents for acute condition to extensive rehabilitation programs covering a broad range of conditions.

Ensures that practitioners consults with physicians on patient's reactions and response to treatment; recommends changes in treatment procedures; delegates program plan as appropriate to subordinate physical therapist and technicians; and ensures that safety precautions and care of patients are enforced during treatment to prevent retarding healing processes or injuring patients.

Ensures that the quality improvement program for physical therapy services is completed on a quarterly basis; monitors evaluation of the physical therapy programs on a periodic basis.

Advises on budgetary inputs/needs for the physical therapy services.

Advises and instructs subordinates physical therapist and technicians in simpler techniques and modalities of physical therapy.

Creates, designs, operates, and adjusts mechanical equipment used in the physical therapy area; ensures the proper maintenance and upkeep of equipment.

Performs performance evaluations on subordinate physical therapists and technicians.

Maintains records and prepares administrative and operating reports and recommendations.

Performs related duties as required.

**MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:**

Knowledge of the principles and practices of supervision, and in the administration of a physical therapy program.

Knowledge of anatomy, neuro-anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, and related sciences, physical therapy as applied to medicine, neurology, orthopedics, pediatrics, genetics, psychiatry, and surgery.

Knowledge of the technical procedures and modalities, trends and developments in physical therapy.

Ability to instruct and/or supervise others in the techniques and procedures of physical therapy.

Ability to plan and carry out medically prescribed physical therapy treatments.

Ability to evaluate and select the best type of treatment based upon medical diagnosis.

Ability to conduct physical therapy demonstration programs.

Ability to arrange and maintain schedules for physical therapy treatments.

Ability to observe, record, and report on patients' progress.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing.

Ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

Skill in the operation and use of physical therapy equipment.

**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:**

- A) Four (4) years of progressively responsible professional experience as a physical therapist, and graduation with a Bachelor's degree from a school of physical therapy as accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association; or
- B) Any equivalent combination of experience and training beyond the Bachelor's degree which provides the minimum knowledge, abilities and skills.

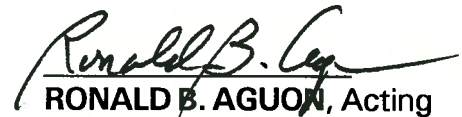
**NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:**

Possession of a current valid license to practice Physical Therapy from the Guam Board of Allied Health Examiners, Commission on Licensure to practice the Healing Arts.

Must be a member with the American Physical Therapy Association.

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Pay Grade: N

  
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