

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST I

NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS:

This is moderately complex professional physical therapy work.

Employees in this class perform routine professional physical therapy duties independently after initial training and participate in the full range of complex professional duties under closer supervision.

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

Administers physical therapy treatment and diagnostic tests.

Evaluates patients' condition and formulates treatment plans, utilizing therapeutic exercise, massage and physical agents such as heat, water, electricity and sound.

Interprets patient reactions and adjusts treatment to individual needs.

Interprets physical therapy treatments to patients and their families and other personnel; gives instructions in posture and procedures to be continued at home.

Directs patients in care and use of wheelchairs, braces, canes, crutches and prosthetics and orthotic devices.

Keeps record of treatment given and patients' response and progress.

Participates in staff conferences, clinics, patient care planning and in-service training.

Maintains equipment and requests repairs to same.

Performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of physical therapy.

Knowledge of the physical effects and use of therapeutic machines.

Knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

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Ability to apply the principles of physical therapy to work situations.

Ability to inspire confidence and motivate patients to carry out treatment.

Ability to demonstrate techniques and teach objectives of physical therapy.

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 use of physical therapy equipment.

**MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:**

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in physical therapy.

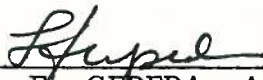
**NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATION:**

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

**ESTABLISHED:** July, 1980

**AMENDED:** January, 1987

**Pay Range:** 36/42

  
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