

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title:** Physical Therapy Assistant (9924)

**Job Summary:**

A school physical therapist assistant works under the supervision of the school physical therapist to provide educationally related physical therapy services to identified special education students according to Individualized Education Plans (IEPS) and maintains appropriate related service records.

**Essential Duties:**

- Under the direction of the school physical therapist, provides physical therapy in accordance with district policies and procedures according to IEP goals and treatment plan;
- Assists the school physical therapist with data collection and progress monitoring for students' abilities in motor control, sensorimotor coordination, postural balance, activities of daily living, functional mobility, accessibility and environmental adaptations and use of low incidence equipment;
- Under the direction of the school physical therapist, adapts school and classroom environment, tools, and materials to improve student function and facilitate student access to curricular and instructional activities;
- Provides training and assistance to educational staff through consultation, training and direct individual or group activities;
- Performs other related duties as assigned;

**Skills to:**

- train in motor control/sensorimotor coordination;
- train in posture/balance
- teach daily living/functional mobility accessibility
- facilitate environmental adaptations/assistive devices;

**Knowledge of:**

- orthopedically impaired individuals;
- therapeutic activities specific to the population served;
- principals of methods and procedures of therapy treatment specific to this population;
- basic data collection procedures;
- proper use and maintenance of a variety of orthopedic equipment;
- basic first aid procedures;

**Ability to:**

- lift physically handicapped individuals up to 40 pounds;
- interact effectively with co-workers;
- communicate effectively with a variety of people;
- demonstrate an understanding, patient, and receptive attitude toward individuals and their parents/care givers;
- do team lifting when necessary;

**Experience Required:**

- Prior experience working with children and adolescents with at least one year working with children with various mental health diagnoses is preferred.

**Education Required:**

- High School diploma or equivalent is required;

**Certificates, Licenses, Clearances, Testing Required:**

- Certification as a Certified Physical Therapy Assistant by the National Board for Certification in Physical Therapy (CAPTE);
- Valid California driver's license and proof of automobile liability insurance;
- Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response upon hire;
- Demonstrate continued professional growth through continuing education or advanced study, and by attending workshops;

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

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