

JOB DESCRIPTION**JOB TITLE:** *Physical Therapist (9120)***Job Summary:**

To provide physical therapy services to individuals with special needs to address the promotion of sensorimotor function.

Essential Job Functions:

- Identifies individuals with special needs by screening for those requiring a more-formalized assessment
- Assesses individuals with special needs per physician consultation to identify a base line for future measurement, and to plan an appropriate physical therapy program
- Plans physical therapy program interpreting assessment data for their educational, developmental or functional relevance, to develop long-term and short-term goals, and to provide coordinated services
- Implements physical therapy program (therapeutic exercises, body mechanics) to address individuals' physical needs
- Documents progress to show status and progress of physical therapy program, and the individuals' reactions to therapy
- Informs parents, agencies, staff, school staff, occupational therapists, and doctors to facilitate services to individuals with special needs
- Instructs agency staff and teachers to increase awareness of appropriate physical responses to identified individuals
- Demonstrate continued professional growth through continuing education or advanced study, and by attendance at workshops.

Skills, Knowledge and/or Abilities:

- **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:**
 - physically handicapped 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
 - appropriate feeding techniques specific to the population served
 - 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 in addition to co-workers
 - demonstrate an understanding, patient, and receptive attitude towards individuals and their parents/care givers
 - do team lifting when necessary to do so.

Education & Experience Required:

- Bachelors degree required.
- Two or more years experience in pediatrics including practice in assessment and therapy skills appropriate for the needs of a varied student population.

Licenses, Clearances, Certifications, Bonding, and/or Testing Required:

- Licensed by the Board of Medical Quality Assurance of the State of California and meet the educational standards of the Physical Therapy Examining Committee.
- Department of Justice and FBI Fingerprint Response.
- Valid California driver's license and proof of automobile insurance.

FLSA Status: Exempt**May 2020**

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