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**NASSAU COUNTY**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**  
**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**Title : PHYSICAL THERAPIST**  
**Code: 220170 MIK**  
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**Competitive**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

Performs professional physical therapy services in an assigned area; performs related duties as required.

**COMPLEXITY OF DUTIES**

Under general supervision, the duties are performed in accordance with professional physical therapy practices and policies.

**TYPICAL DUTIES**

- \* 1. Performs professional physical therapy treatments for patients.
- \* 2. Makes diagnostic and evaluation tests of patients in homes and clinics.
- \* 3. Provides training in activities of daily living with or without the use of prosthetics or other equipment.
- \* 4. Instructs and supervises Physical Therapy Assistants and therapists on limited permit regarding various patient interactions.
- \* 5. Interprets reaction of patients and adjusts the length and intensity of the treatment.
- \* 6. Maintains an accurate record of each patient's progress.
- \* 7. Demonstrates techniques and teaches objectives of physical therapy to other health personnel.
- \* 8. Instructs persons in home care of handicapped patients.
- \* 9. Maintains equipment in proper working order and requests repairs when needed.
- 10. Cooperates with other departments, schools, and community agencies.

**\*TYPICAL ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

1. Considerable knowledge of principles, techniques, and equipment used in physical therapy.
2. Considerable knowledge of possible hazards to patients during treatment and necessary remedial measures.
3. Knowledge of anatomy and physiology.
4. Skill in applying massages according to established techniques.
5. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the patient and the patient's family.
6. Ability to instruct and supervise assigned personnel.
7. Ability to understand, interpret, and adapt physicians' prescriptions of physical therapy treatments.
8. Ability to demonstrate the teach techniques of physical therapy to local health personnel and patients' families.

9. Ability to maintain accurate records and prepare reports of treatments administered.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Training and Experience**

Continuing possession of a license as a Physical Therapist issued by the New York State Department of Education.

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