

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive  
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**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** An incumbent in this position is a skilled technical health care worker who assists the physical therapist in the provision of physical therapy services. The incumbent may perform physical therapy procedures and related tasks that have been selected, delegated, and will be periodically reassessed by the supervising registered physical therapist. The incumbent does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:** (Illustrative only)

Administers physical therapy care as planned and directed by a registered physical therapist;  
Helps prepare residents for treatment and transports or accompanies them to treatment areas;  
Documents treatments and residents progress notes accurately and professionally;  
Maintains open communication with registered physical therapist regarding patient's performance/progress;  
Acts as an assistant to the physical therapist when physical therapist is performing tests, evaluations, and complex procedures;  
Maintains a neat and organized appearance in all areas of the department and replaces equipment to assigned place;  
Maintains an inventory of department equipment and supplies.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of basic principles and terminology of physical therapy in a health care facility;  
Good knowledge of the problems and attitudes of the ill, aged, and/or handicapped;  
Good knowledge of the care and storage of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy;  
Ability to follow written and oral instructions;  
Ability to prepare and maintain reports;  
Sound judgment.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Either:

- (a) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's Degree in a program for a Physical Therapist Assistant; or
- (b) Satisfactory completion of Certified Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum and certified by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist Assistant.

**NOTE:** Your degree must have been awarded by a college or university accredited by a regional, national, or specialized agency recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education/U.S. Secretary of Education. If your degree was awarded by an educational institution outside the United States and its territories, you must provide independent verification of equivalency. A list of acceptable companies who provide this service can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cs.ny.gov/jobseeker/degrees.cfm>. You must pay the required evaluation fee.