**Physical Therapist job description**

**Job brief**

The Physical Therapy Clerk/Tech performs general clerical and reception duties in the Rehab Department. Prepares patients of all ages and equipment for treatment and administers treatment according to sources and procedures as directed by the Therapist.

**Responsibilities**

 Plans and administers medically prescribed physical therapy treatment for patients suffering from injuries, or muscle, nerve, joint and bone diseases, to restore function, relieve pain, and prevent disability

 Reviews physician's referral (prescription) and patient's condition and medical records to determine physical therapy treatment required

 Tests and measures patient's strength, motor development, sensory perception, functional capacity, and respiratory and circulatory efficiency, and records findings to develop or revise treatment programs

 Plans and prepares written treatment program based on evaluation of patient data

 Administers manual exercises to improve and maintain function

 Instructs, motivates, and assists patient to perform various physical activities, such as non manual exercises, ambulatory functional activities, daily-living activities, and in use of assistant and supportive devices, such as crutches, canes, and prostheses

 Administers treatments involving application of physical agents, using equipment, such as hydrotherapy tanks and whirlpool baths, moist packs, ultraviolet and infrared lamps, and ultrasound machines

 Evaluates effects of treatment at various stages and adjusts treatments to achieve maximum benefit

 Administers massage

 Administers traction to relieve pain

 Records treatment, response, and progress in patient's chart or enters information into computer.

 Instructs patient and family in treatment procedures to be continued at home.

 Confers with physician and other practitioners to obtain additional patient information, suggest revisions in treatment program, and integrate physical therapy treatment with other aspects of patient's health care.

 Orients, instructs, and directs work activities of assistants and aides.

 Performs other position-related duties as assigned, depending on assignment setting

**Requirements**

* Graduate from an accredited physical therapy program.
* Current Washington State Physical Therapist license.
* One year as a Physical Therapist or comparable internship.
* Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.
* Knowledge of CPT & ICD-9 coding procedures.
* Thorough knowledge of physical therapy principles and practices.
* Working knowledge of computer programs.