

THERAPY ATTENDANT

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is non-technical work involving the performance of routine housekeeping and helper tasks in the conduct of a facility's occupational or physical therapy program. The work is performed under the instruction and supervision of a qualified Therapist and depending on staffing patterns of the facility, a Therapy Assistant. Incumbents receive on-the-job training in routine therapy related duties and procedures. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Maintains treatment areas in clean and orderly manner;
- Cleans, repairs and stores therapy equipment and supplies;
- Attends treatment team meetings as required;
- Prepares simple records and reports as required;

When Assigned to Occupational Therapy:

- Assists residents in carrying out maintenance regimens as prepared by an Occupational Therapist;
- Prepares and sets up materials and equipment for occupational therapy treatment purposes;
- Observes patients and informs an Occupational Therapist or Occupational Therapy Assistant of any changes in patients' responses to treatment or their maintenance regimens;
- Assists in ordering and maintaining an inventory of supplies;
- Prepares patients for treatment and transports or accompanies them to treatment areas;

When Assigned to Physical Therapy:

- Prepares patients for treatment and transports or accompanies them to treatment areas;
- As assigned, transports and adjusts physical therapy equipment;
- Assists patients with exercise movements or in changing position during treatment;
- Assists a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapy Assistant in restorative and rehabilitative treatments;
- Helps patients in carrying out their maintenance programs as directed by a Physical Therapist;
- Observes patients for safety and comfort and notifies Physical Therapist or Assistant of any change in patients' conditions.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Ability to acquire a working knowledge of the basic principles and terminology related to the therapy program in a health care facility; ability to acquire a working knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in the therapy program; ability to work with the ill, aged, and handicapped persons; ability to observe and communicate patients' responses to treatment; ability to prepare and maintain simple non-medical forms and reports; ability to follow oral and written instructions; sufficient physical strength to lift and support adult patients; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Either:

- A) Possession of a current certification as being included in the New York State Residential Health Care Facility Nurse Aide Registry;

OR

- B) Successful completion of a New York State approved residential health care facility nurse aide program and have passed the New York State authorized clinical skills competency examination and written or oral competency examination and be awaiting notification of entry in the New York State Residential Health Care Facility Nurse Aide Registry by receipt of a certification document;

OR

- C) A current license and/or registration to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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