

CONSULTANT - PHYSICAL THERAPIST

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Health this position involves responsibility for developing, planning, organizing, directing and recommending a program of physical therapy and rehabilitation. Supervision is exercised over a small number of physical therapists. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Consults with administrators, directors, physicians, public health nurses in planning, promoting, and conducting programs in physical therapy and rehabilitation;

Conducts orientation and in-service training program for staff members on activities dealing with physical therapy and rehabilitation;

Provides consultation with Public Health Nursing staff on specific case problems involving physical therapy and rehabilitation;

Provides special assistance to village and city health departments on programs affecting this group;

Evaluates, organizes, and makes available material for educational, teaching, and consultation purposes;

Develops and maintains a system of adequate recording of meaningful records and statistics;

Prepares exhibits and delivers lectures on public health physical therapy to community groups and clubs.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of the objectives, principles, and techniques of physical therapy and rehabilitation and of the care and use of equipment; thorough knowledge of the operations of Public Health Nursing Units; skill in the operation and application of various modalities and techniques; ability to supervise and instruct others in the application of physical therapy and rehabilitation procedures; ability to establish good working relationships and inspire confidence and secure the cooperation of others; ability to speak and write effectively; ability to prepare and maintain reports and records; manual dexterity; physical strength; tact; initiative; good judgment; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position..

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Completion of a course in physical therapy in a college* or university approved by the New York State Education Department, or prior registration and approval of qualifications by the above department, and (a) four years of physical therapy experience in a non-institutional setting, or (b) any equivalent combination of training and experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Candidates must be licensed or eligible for licensure to practice physical therapy in New York State.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Education beyond the secondary level must be from an institution recognized or accredited by the Board of Regents of the New York State Department of Education as a post-secondary, degree-granting institution.