

PHYSICAL THERAPIST

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Degree in physical therapy from an accredited program
2. Licensed to practice physical therapy in the State of Wisconsin
3. Current Department of Public Instruction Physical Therapist License
4. If less than two years' experience in pediatrics and/or school setting, receive mentorship whenever available
5. Wisconsin Medicaid provider number/eligibility
6. NPI number/eligibility
7. Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the Board may find appropriate and acceptable

REPORTS TO: Director of Student Services

SUPERVISES: Certified Physical Therapy Assistants
Therapy Clerical Aide

JOB GOAL: To provide services to students eligible for related services; to improve, develop, restore or maintain a child's sensory motor function in educational environments; and to function as "related service personnel" under state and federal law and regulations.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must have skills and knowledge in the following areas:

1. Identification of physical impairments/delays;
2. Treatment planning specific to pediatrics;
3. Intervention, including but not limited to:
 - Facilitation of developmental motor skills;
 - Postural awareness, ambulation, and gait training;
 - Sensorimotor processing;
 - Cardiovascular function;
 - Wheelchair mobility;
 - Adaptation or modification of equipment;
 - Recommendation and monitoring of orthoses and other assistive devices;
 - Prevention of initial or additional deformity or disability via early intervention and transportation needs of students.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Conducts appropriate evaluation of students referred for related services under IDEA and prepare written reports of the evaluations and findings;
2. Participates in meetings as a member of the multidisciplinary team;
3. Participates in development of IEP or 504 plans for eligible students;
4. Provides direct and indirect physical therapy in educational settings/least restrictive environments to children;
5. Collaborates with other school personnel regarding physical therapy and the students' needs;
6. Delegates activities to teachers, parents and paraprofessionals;
7. Trains/instructs teachers, parents and paraprofessionals in delegated techniques and equipment use;
8. Travels to and among schools to provide services;
9. Maintains records of service provided;
10. Lifts, transfers and positions children and equipment as necessary;
11. Performs other tasks and assumes other responsibilities within the overall scope of the position which the supervisor may assign.

EVALUATION:

Performance of this job will be evaluated in accordance with provisions of the Board Policy on Evaluation of Professional Personnel.