

**ORANGE COUNTY CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**TITLE:** SUPERVISING PUBLIC HEALTH PHYSICAL THERAPIST **GRADE:** 15

**TITLE ABBREVIATION:** SUPV PH PHYS THER **TITLE NO.:** 6748

**JURIS.CL:** C **SALARY CODE:** 01 **UNIT:**            **EEO CODE:** PR **FLSA CODE:** PR

**DEPARTMENT:** PUBLIC HEALTH **DIVISION:** PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

**SUPERVISOR'S TITLE:** DIRECTOR OF PATIENT SERVICES

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for administration of the physical, occupational and speech therapy services provided by Public Health **Nursing**. Under the general supervision of the Director of Patient Services, the incumbent is involved in developing program policies. Supervision is exercised over assigned staff. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Plans, assigns and supervises the work of professional physical, occupational and speech therapy services;
2. In consultation with referring physician, designs and implements a therapy program to correct or minimize the patient's disability;
3. Provides orientation and training to nurses and support personnel regarding rehabilitation techniques;
4. Evaluates the performance of therapists through office conferences, analysis of field reports, individual consultations and field observations;
5. Coordinates services with other agencies, hospitals and health care facilities;
6. Carries a case load of all types of physical therapy;
7. Prepares and assembles educational materials for use in teaching, consultation and advisory services;
8. Advises and develops departmental policies for therapy services;
9. Attends conferences and meetings as required, acting as department representative;

10. Refers patients requiring financial or other assistance to proper agencies or organizations; may initiate or assist in processing requests for equipment or prosthetic devices for patients without financial resources;
11. Supervises the selection and maintenance of therapeutic equipment and supplies;
12. Evaluates effectiveness of therapy programs;
13. Provides advice to patients requiring architectural changes to their homes or the design or adaption of rehabilitation equipment;
14. Serves on Utilization Review Committee to provide quality assurance in therapy services.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL**

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Comprehensive knowledge of principles, methods, materials and equipment used in physical therapy; thorough knowledge of the sources of information and current literature and developments in the field of physical therapy; thorough knowledge of anatomy and physiology, as they relate to physical therapy; good knowledge of the proper care and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used; good knowledge of community agencies and public health agencies; ability to plan, organize, and supervise the work of others; ability to provide instruction and demonstrations in physiotherapy techniques; ability to assist in adaption of household layout or therapeutic equipment; ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with staff and clients; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with a Bachelor's Degree, including or supplemented by an approved program of instruction in physical therapy and two (2) years of physical therapy experience in a home health agency or public health agency, one (1) year of which must have been in a supervisory capacity.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Eligibility for a license issued by the State of New York to practice physical therapy at the time of application and possession of the license with current registration at time of appointment. Possession **at time of appointment** of a valid driver's license.

