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PHYSICAL THERAPIST

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 05
Maximum Pay Level: 06

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Physical therapists performs professional level work in the areas of reading/interpreting physician's orders for physical therapy, administering the appropriate tests and interpreting tests to provide treatment to school-age children. The physical therapists develops treatment plan based on the medical orders and results of tests and measurements that focus on neurological and neuromuscular skeletal functions. The treatment utilizes therapeutic exercise, massage, and physical agents such as air, water, electricity, sound, and radiant energy. Physical therapy techniques are designed to restore function, prevent disability, relieve pain, and speed recovery following disease, injury, surgery, or loss of limb. The physical therapists set goals in the appropriate area and assess student's progress toward meeting the identified goals.

BASIC EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:

Pay Level:	05	06
Education:	Bachelor's Degree with license or certification	Master's Degree with license or certification
Experience:	0	0

The therapists must have successfully completed a curriculum in physical therapy approved by a recognized professional accrediting organization at the time the program was completed. Successful completion of any clinical practicum identified by the institution or the accrediting organization is required. Emergency or provisional certificates may be accepted under the condition they are issued by the state certification authority.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read without strain, printed material the size of typewritten characters required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required. (Some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf.) In most instances and amputation of arm, hand, leg, or foot will not disqualify an applicant although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by then use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicants must possess emotional and mental stability.