DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS
The work involves responsibility for administering a physical therapy program in a health care facility or in a certified home health agency. This is a professional position involving responsibility for the management of a physical therapy department and services, including supervision of and participation in the provision of services to patients* upon the written order or referral of a physician who provides medical direction. This class differs from that of a Physical Therapist by greater supervisory responsibilities. The Physical Therapist II is responsible to a higher level administrator for the operation of the department. Supervision is exercised over subordinate Physical Therapists I and other certified and uncertified subordinate employees assigned to the service. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES
Supervises the work of Physical Therapists I and other certified and uncertified personnel assigned to the department.
Confers with physical therapy staff on development or revision of care plan.
Treats patients directly when indicated.
Assists the administrator in formulation of policy and program requirements related to the physical therapy service.
Participates with other agency or facility personnel in the formulation and review of patients' total care plans.
Participates in the selection of personnel in the physical therapy service.
Evaluates the physical therapy program and makes recommendations for improvement and change to the administrator.
Plans and participates in in−service training programs for the physical therapy and other agency staff.
Initiates and attends conferences with the administrator, physicians and other agency or facility staff to interpret the functions of the physical therapy services and its relationship with other patient case services.
Maintains program records including but not limited to the service budget and statistical reports of the frequency and types of treatment, and number of patients treated.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS
Thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques and practices of physical therapy.
Thorough knowledge of the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment used in physical therapy.
Thorough knowledge of pathological conditions and socioeconomic factors affecting patients' disabilities.
Good knowledge of community resources applicable to physical therapy.
Ability to plan, evaluate and direct the work of others involved in a physical therapy program.
Ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with others.
Ability to relate and coordinate the physical therapy program to other disciplines.
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
Promotion:
Two (2) years of permanent competitive class status as a Physical Therapist I.

Open–Competitive:
Two (2) years of work experience, or its part time equivalent, as a Physical Therapist, one (1) of which must have been in a health care facility.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT
Licensed and currently registered by the New York State Education Department as a Physical Therapist.

*The term "patient" should be changed to "resident" when position is used in health related facilities.

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