



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE PHYSICAL THERAPIST DEPARTMENT PHYSICAL THERAPY

REPORTS TO MATTHEW SAILORS FLSA STATUS EXEMPT

FULL TIME YES PART TIME \_\_\_\_\_

### POSITION PURPOSE:

Provide exceptional service to patients who have impairments, functional limitations, disabilities, or changes in physical function and health status resulting from injuries, disease or other causes; and to prevent the onset, symptoms and progression of impairments, functional limitations and disabilities that may result from diseases, disorders, conditions and injuries.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Evaluate patients' orthopedic-related movement dysfunction and functional abilities
- Restore, maintain and promote optimal physical function related to movement and wellness, relieve pain and prevent dysfunction
- Plan, implement and progress physical therapy treatment for patients
- Direct and supervise all treatment and physical therapy service, including numerous aspects such as manual therapy, TE, education and modalities
- Provide consultant services to various entities as needed

### ASSOCIATED RESPONSIBILITIES

- Document treatment and progress with diagnosis in status and/or recommended plans
- Document discharge planning
- Direct patients, as appropriate, back to physician or other members of health-care team
- Provide preventative services in the community
- Represent physical therapy through community service
- Clinical education/supervision of student physical therapists/support personnel

## CERTIFICATES OR LICENSES REQUIRED

- State of South Dakota Physical Therapy License
- Successful completion of National Board exam

## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Able to multi-task
- Good organizational skills; able to prioritize
- Evaluation skills
- Promote harmony in working with patients and staff

## EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of Bachelor's degree from an accredited Physical Therapist school
- Clinical rotations/education in specific clinical specialty settings
- Continuing education – minimum of 16 hours per year

## LANGUAGE AND REASONING SKILLS

- Excellent communication skills
- Professionalism with patient care
- Good problem solving skills

## MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTER SKILLS

- Basic typing/computer skills
- Basic math computation skills

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Good physical abilities for constant standing; ambulatory
- Able to demonstrate exercises
- Able to perform some lifting and patient transfer duties
- Able to handle interruptions



- Able to work in varied work environment
- Professional in appearance
- Highly motivated and able to work well under stressful situations
- Punctual and flexible with schedule and duties as needs arise
- Strong ability to work as part of a cohesive team

These physical demands are representative of those that must be met to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The purpose of this position description is to summarize the major job responsibilities and requirements. It is not meant to be exhaustive and is subject to revision.