

School Physical Therapist Job Description

Position Summary:

- Provides services to students eligible for related services
- Improves, develops, restores or maintains a child's sensory motor function in educational environments
- Functions as "related service personnel" under state and federal law and regulations
- Responsible to Director of Special Education

Qualifications:

- Degree in physical therapy from an accredited program.
- Licensed to practice physical therapy in Arkansas.
- If less than two years' experience in pediatrics and/or school setting, receive mentorship whenever available
- Arkansas Medicaid provider number/eligibility
- NPI number/ eligibility

Experience and Skills:

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

Essential Job Functions:

Must be able to perform the following job roles and functions:

- conduct appropriate evaluation of students referred for related services under IDEA and prepare written reports of the evaluations and findings
- participate in meetings as member of the multidisciplinary team
- participate in development of IEP or 504 plans for eligible students
- provide direct and indirect physical therapy in educational settings/least restrictive environments to children
- collaborate with other school personnel regarding physical therapy and the students' needs
- delegate activities to teachers, parents and paraprofessionals
- train/instruct teachers, parents and paraprofessionals in delegated techniques and equipment use
- travel to and among schools to provide services
- maintain records of service provided
- lift, transfer and position children and equipment as necessary