



1445 LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

Classification Summary

The Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA) is responsible for performing a variety of classroom, therapy related and equipment related activities in support of the students' educational programs. The LPTA is a member of a transdisciplinary team and will be involved in role-releasing and role-accepting processes with a variety of disciplines.

Supervisory Relationships

The LPTA reports to the Chairperson, Program for Students with Severe Disabilities, and the building administrator. The LPTA shall practice under the direction of a physical therapist, who will perform the initial evaluations of students referred for physical therapy and assign the work to be done.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The LPTA must have successfully completed a degree program for Physical Therapy Assistants from an accredited college program, and have (or be in the process of obtaining) a current Oregon State license for Physical Therapy Assistants.

Examples of Duties

(Any one position may not include all of the duties listed nor do the listed examples include all tasks found in positions of this classification. These serve as examples only and are not to be considered all inclusive or exclusive.)

1. Take part in the development and implementation of comprehensive integrated programming for students.
2. Assist the Physical Therapist in the development and implementation of educationally relevant skill programs, including mobility and movement programs.
3. Assist Physical Therapist in instructing and consulting with other staff members in the delivery of therapy related services.
4. Maintain appropriate and effective on-going communication with the Physical Therapist regarding:
 - Individual student educationally relevant needs and progress.
 - Effectiveness of intervention strategies.
 - Status and use of therapy related equipment.
5. Assist in classroom management routines, including:
 - Lifting/positioning students.
 - Provision of oral-motor programs.
 - Assisting students with hygiene needs.
 - Carrying out prescribed intervention procedures and programs and noting when changes may be indicated.
6. Assist Physical Therapist in prescribing new equipment, modifying existing equipment and pursuing funding for equipment and materials. Construct new adaptive equipment as requested by the Physical Therapist.
7. Perform related clerical duties as requested by the Physical Therapist or Chairperson.
8. Attend team meetings, IEP, and IFSP meetings as directed by the Physical Therapist or Chairperson.
9. Attend regularly scheduled staff meetings, department meetings, workshops, district in-services and conferences, as directed by the Physical Therapist or Chairperson.
10. Comply with policies and procedures of the Eugene 4J School District.

Minimum Qualifications for Class Entry

1. Successful completion of a Physical Therapy Assistant Associate degree from an accredited college program.
2. Possess (or be in the process of obtaining) an Oregon State Physical Therapy Assistant license.
3. One year of Physical Therapy Assistant or Pediatric experience preferred.