



Physical Therapy Assistant

The **Grant County Health Department** is recruiting for a limited term Physical Therapy Assistant working up to 40 hours per week. This position assists in the treatment of patients as directed by the Physical Therapist and participates as an active member of treatment location's rehabilitation team in accordance with federal, state and professional standards governing home health & hospice. Services are performed in individual patient homes.

Minimum Qualifications

Education:

- Graduate from a Physical Therapy Assistant program

Experience:

- One year experience in a health care setting
- Experience in home health preferred

Note:

1. Current licensure as Physical Therapy Assistant in state of practice
2. Meet educational requirements established in the state of practice
3. Current CPR certification or ability to become CPR certified
4. Ability to travel to patient homes within the designated geographical area
5. Valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance
6. Must be capable of maintaining regular attendance

How to Apply: A [Grant County application for employment](#) and [job description](#) may be obtained at www.co.grant.wi.gov or by contacting the Grant County Personnel Department (608)723-2540. **Letter of interest, resume, and Grant County Application are required** and will be accepted at the following location.

Grant County Personnel
111 S. Jefferson St. - PO Box 529
Lancaster WI 53813

*This is an **Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer (AA/EEO)**. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply including minorities, veterans, women, and persons with work related limitations.*



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PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

GENERAL PURPOSE

To assist in the treatment of patients as directed by the Physical Therapist and participate as an active member of treatment location's rehabilitation team in accordance with federal, state and professional standards governing home health & hospice. Services performed in individual patient homes.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

- Provides treatment to patients as directed by the Physical Therapist
- Instructs families and patient in treatment plan as directed by the Physical Therapist
- Communicates with supervisor and other interdisciplinary team members regarding patient progress, problems, and plans
- Remains knowledgeable of state practice acts and ensures the level of supervision they receive meets standards. Does not provide treatment outside of practice act limits
- Documents patient care services by charting in patient and agency records according to accepted regulatory, agency and professional guidelines. Records daily treatment charges per agency procedures. Documentation will be completed using agency furnished forms/flowsheets
- Protects patients and employees by adhering to treatment location infection control policies and protocols and keeping information confidential per agency and federal requirements. Maintains safe and clean working environment by complying with treatment location and agency procedures, rules and regulations.
- Ensures proper operation of equipment by complying with agency procedures and following manufacturer's instructions

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate from a Physical Therapy Assistant program
- Current licensure as Physical Therapy Assistant in state of practice
- Meets educational requirements established in the state of practice
- Minimum one (1) year experience in a health care setting; previous experience in home health preferred
- Current CPR certification or ability to become CPR certified
- Ability to travel to patient homes within the designated geographical area
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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & BEHAVIORS

This position is expected to develop, maintain and utilize relevant competencies in the following areas: Analytic Assessment Skills; Policy Development/Program Planning Skills; Communication Skills; Cultural Competency Skills ; Community Dimensions of Practice Skills; Basic Public Health Sciences Skills; Financial Planning and Management Skills ; Systems Thinking Skills. Additionally, the position is required to have the following:

- Ability to communicate in English, both verbally and in writing
- Good problem-solving skills
- Good computer skills including use of laptop computers with ability to learn agency system
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality regarding patient, employee and agency proprietary information
- Must have the ability to relate professionally and positively and work cooperatively with patients, families, and other employees at all levels

PHYSICAL AND SENSORY REQUIREMENTS

- Mobility, standing, pushing, pulling, reaching, bending, walking, heavy lifting, fine hand coordination, ability to hear, ability to read and write, ability to detect odors, and ability to remain calm under stress.
- Hearing (corrected) adequate for oral/aural communication with patients, staff, family, visitors, etc.
- Vision (corrected) adequate for reading.
- Intelligible speech and normal language / cognitive skills.

- Must be able to push patients in a wheelchair or stretchers.*
- Lifting of patients*, equipment or supplies will be required up to 20 pounds frequently, up to 50 pounds occasionally and up to 100 pounds rarely.
- Sitting, standing, and walking required throughout the day.
- Job duties sometimes require climbing stairs, kneeling, twisting, bending; on occasion, crouching, crawling and reaching overhead.
- Must be able to transfer patients.*
- Must be able to demonstrate any appropriate exercise and activities to patients / caregivers.
- Work in a fast-paced clinical environment.
- Weekend and holiday work may be required.
- Work environment is primarily indoors but occasionally outdoors.
- Several task and job duties involve a risk of exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens and other potentially infectious materials (OPIM).

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