



## Physical Therapist

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**Job Title:** Physical Therapist (PT)

**FSLA Classification:** Non-Exempt

**Department:** Rehab

**Supervisor:** Rehab Lead

### Job Summary

Under the supervision of the Rehab Lead, provides physical therapy services to participants of Fresno PACE.

### Essential Job Functions

- Participate as a member of the interdisciplinary team (IDT) and in initial, semi-annual, unscheduled, and annual assessments; attend morning updates and report changes in participants' baseline status to appropriate staff on a daily basis.
- Involved in the development and implementation of quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) activities.
- Provide regular updates to team on participants' status in therapy.
- Assess the need for adaptive equipment and durable medical equipment (DME); order and facilitate authorization of such equipment; assess, recommend, and provide follow-through therapy for specialized shoes.
- Participate in meetings as indicated (morning, team, family, nursing facility, assisted living facility, and hospital).
- Provide treatment as indicated.
- Utilize appropriate safety measures when providing care.
- Develop special programs according to participant needs.
- Educate staff, participants, and family on services available through physical therapy staff.
- Develop, instruct, and supervise other staff, and/or family members on therapy program to be carried out by individuals other than a physical therapist.
- Provide initial and ongoing training, education, and supervision for physical therapist assistant(s), including all areas of performance with departmental policies; report as required to supervisor regarding these issues.
- Train and supervise restorative aides as assigned, including all areas of performance consistent with departmental policies; report as required to supervisor regarding these issues.
- Review restorative care plans monthly.



- Provide orientation and training in regards to body mechanics and lift equipment to newly hired staff monthly and as requested.
- When appropriate, delegate oversight of PT interventions and activities, as determined by IDT on plan of care, to restorative aide in a timely manner.
- Communicate observed staffing needs/changes and further program development needs to supervisor.
- Complete documentation as required.
- Adjust schedule as needed to meet the needs of Fresno PACE participants.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding participant, staff, contractor, and organizational information.

### **Non-Essential Job Functions**

- Attend and participate in staff meetings, in-services, projects, and committees as assigned.
- Adhere to and support the center's policies, practices, and procedures.
- Accept assigned duties in a cooperative manner and perform all other related duties as assigned by supervisor.
- Be flexible in schedule of hours worked, including overtime, scheduled weekends, holidays, and rotating shifts when necessary.

### **Working Conditions and Physical Demands**

The working conditions and physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to access all areas of the center throughout the workday.
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds occasionally, 25 pounds frequently, and 15 pounds constantly; required to obtain assistance of another qualified employee when attempting to lift or transfer objects over 25 pounds.
- Requires constant hand grasp and finger dexterity; frequent sitting, standing, walking and repetitive leg and arm movements, occasional bending, reaching forward and overhead; squatting and kneeling.
- Ability to taste and smell is required.
- Must have ability to communicate verbally with an excellent comprehension of the English language.
- Work is generally performed in an indoor, well-lighted, well-ventilated, heated, and air-conditioned environment.



## **Experience**

- Minimum of one (1) year of documented experience working with a frail or elderly population as a physical therapist.
- Appropriate clinical placement experience may be substituted. Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
- Ability to cope with mental and emotional stress related to the position; and must have personal integrity.
- Ability to function independently and to work effectively and in a cordial manner with all members of the interdisciplinary team, co-workers, and department heads.
- Ability to relate to the public and governmental agencies in a pleasant, patient, and professional manner.
- Well organized, dependable, flexible, and resourceful
- Must have excellent communication skills.

## **Education and Certification**

- Bachelor's degree in physical therapy from an accredited program.
- Maintains current license with the state of California.
- Is medically cleared for communicable diseases and has all immunizations up-to-date before engaging in direct participant contact.