CLASS TITLE: PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA)

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:
School-Based Physical Therapy services assist special education students ages birth to 22 to safely access the educational environment.

A School-Based Physical Therapy Assistant assists a Physical Therapist in providing physical therapy services to students.

BASIC FUNCTION:
Assists in providing physical therapy services to students as part of a collaborative team. General supervision is received from a Licensed Physical Therapist.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:
Assists Physical Therapist in providing physical therapy services to students; \( E \)

Assists in development of IEPs and annual goals; \( E \)

Assists in carrying out treatment; \( E \)

Develops materials for treatment activities; \( E \)

Assists in adapting environment, tools and materials; \( E \)

Maintains required records and documents; \( E \)

Collect data regarding services and progress toward goal; \( E \)

Attends IEP meetings to report student progress; \( E \)

Performs related duties as assigned; \( E \)

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:
Fundamental principles and accepted trends in the field physical therapy;
Physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth patterns of students;
Specific disabilities which impact physical functioning; and
Best practice methods and techniques in physical therapy.

ABILITY TO:
Use a variety of the best practice methods and techniques;
Communicate effectively orally and in writing;

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Maintain confidentiality and exercise discretion in the use and disclosure of information; Respond to and work with families in a culturally sensitive way; Describe the unique need of students with disabilities and their families; Work effectively with district personnel, community agency staff and interdisciplinary teams; Use and care for the materials, supplies and equipment employed in performing services; Meet work schedules and timelines; and Work independently with little direction.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:
Valid physical therapy assistant through the California Department of Consumer Affairs; Valid Driver’s License; and Access to an automobile with car insurance.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:
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AA or AS degree or equivalent from an accredited college in a Physical Therapy Assistant program.

EXPERIENCE:
Paid experience in providing physical therapy services to children with disabilities birth to 22 is desirable.

WORKING CONDITIONS:
ENVIRONMENT:
Is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions; required to use personal vehicle in the course of employment.

PHYSICAL ABILITIES:
Hearing and speaking to exchange information; Seeing to read a variety of materials; Bending at the waist, kneeling or crouching to assist students; Walk long distances; Frequent lifting, pushing and/or pulling of objects which may approximate 50 pounds; Occasional lifting, pushing and/or pulling of objects which may approximate 75 pounds; and Sitting or standing for extended periods of time.

Should an applicant require reasonable accommodation, the Ventura County Office of Education will consider that upon request.

HAZARDS:
May be required to work around foul odors, and contact with dissatisfied or verbally abusive individuals.

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