

Job Title: Physical Therapy Assistant

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Supervisor Title: Manager of Therapy Services Supervisory Responsibilities: None FLSA Status: Non-exempt Hourly Full-Time, Benefits Eligible, 40 Hours Per Week At-Will Position Range: \$27 -- \$32 per hour

Beyond Blindness is a California Nonprofit Corporation founded in 1962 whose mission is to empower children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential. We envision a world where all children, no matter their abilities, are equipped to live full and rewarding lives. We value People First, championing and building upon the inherent strengths and value within each child, as well as Family, Connection, Impact, Inclusion, Stewardship, and Optimism.

Beyond Blindness is the only organization of its kind in Southern California that provides all of the support and services — outside of medical care — that children with visual impairments and other disabilities need to develop to their highest potential and live fulfilling lives. Beyond Blindness is a one-stop support resource for these children, and their families, and provides services in clients' homes, at its location in Santa Ana, and in schools throughout Orange County.

Position Summary:

The Physical Therapy Assistant position provides physical therapy (exercise, massage, gait and balance training, and other therapeutic interventions) to meet a student's physical needs under the supervision of a Licensed Physical Therapist (PT). Assists the department in specific therapy sessions as per client IEP (Individualized Educational Plan)/IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan). Provides direct and indirect services to specific age groups. May supervise interns. May work in a classroom with groups or individuals.

This job description is intended as a guide to the general job responsibilities.

Responsibilities include:

- Works in supporting of role alongside and under the direction of a licensed PT.
- Implements therapeutic activities and instructs students, teachers, parents, and other involved persons for the purpose of providing appropriate care and supporting the student's IEP/IFSP.
- Writes daily soap notes and documents progress toward meeting established child and family outcomes.
- Directs/leads motor groups in the classroom weekly.
- Assists PT with preparing materials and performing clerical duties as needed.
- Participates in training, supervision, and meetings.
- Maintains clinics and equipment.
- Maintains daily records and billing information.
- Works with students during community integration programs, on-site program time, and as requested/scheduled.
- Treats clients, families and others with empathy and respect and conducts self in a professional manner.
- Establishes and maintains interpersonal relationships with teammates, community organizations, supervisors, and leadership.

- Complies with organizational guidelines and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.
- Conducts self in accordance with Agency's mission, vision, and values at all times.
- Work weekends and evenings as needed.
- Other professional, job-related duties as assigned.

Education:

- Graduate from an accredited Physical Therapy Assistant Program
- State Physical Therapy Assistant License (Must be kept current at all times)

Experience:

Experience working with special needs population, preferably with young children, preferred.

Licensing & Accreditation Requirements:

All employees working for Beyond Blindness are required to meet the following at all times:

- LiveScan Fingerprint clearance and background check DOJ/FBI/Child Abuse Index (one time or upon re-hire)
- Health Screening (one time or upon re-hire)
- Proof of immunity to Measles or MMR Vaccination Record (one time)
- Flu Vaccine within one year (and each year thereafter)
- TDAP Vaccine within last 10 years (and every 10 years thereafter)
- Current COVID-19 Vaccine (fully vaccinated)
- Clear TB test or Chest X-ray within last 4 years (and every 4 years thereafter)
- Current up-to-date Credential, License, Certification or Units for employment

Beyond Blindness offers competitive salary and benefits programs including medical, dental, vision and life and disability insurance to employees as well as generous vacation, holiday, and sick time policies. We also have a variety of additional continuing education, employee referral and childcare programs for eligible employees. We also offer a diverse community of employees and clients with an emphasis on a culture of engagement, positivity, and support.

People First * Family * Connection * Impact * Inclusion * Stewardship * Optimism