

STATE OF OHIO (DAS) CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION	<b>CLASSIFICATION SERIES:</b> Physical Therapy	<b>SERIES NO :</b> 4426
	<b>MAJOR AGENCIES:</b> Mental Retardation, Veterans' Home, Worker's Compensation	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 02/26/2012

**SERIES PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the physical therapy occupation is to provide physical therapy services & treatments to clients/claimants in order to correct physical disabilities, lessen the extent of debilitating diseases & return individuals to optimum lifestyles within their individual capabilities.

At the lower levels, incumbents assist or perform basic physical therapy services & treatments. At the higher levels, incumbents develop & administer individual physical therapy plans & oversee the work of lower-level licensed physical therapists on staff &/or contract, & other support if assigned.

This series does not include the therapy services & treatments inherent to occupational rehabilitation programs (See Occupational Therapy).

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Therapy Aide	44260	26	03/26/1990

**CLASS CONCEPT:**

The entry level class works under immediate supervision & requires some knowledge of physical therapy equipment & safety procedures in order to assist in administration of physical therapy treatment, transport claimants/residents to & from treatments & provide related support to therapy program.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant	44261	28	01/09/2005

**CLASS CONCEPT:**

The full performance physical therapy assistant level class works under general supervision & requires working knowledge of physical therapy theory & practice, equipment & safety procedures in order to assist in rendering physical therapy treatments, document treatments & orient & guide therapy aides.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Licensed Physical Therapist	44263	14	01/09/1994

**CLASS CONCEPT:**

The full performance physical therapist level class works under direction & requires considerable knowledge of physical therapy theory & practice in order to evaluate claimants'/clients' physical therapy needs, develop treatment plans, document treatments rendered & provide guidance to lower-level physical therapy workers, students & volunteers.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>B. U.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Therapy Aide	44260	04	03/26/1990	26

**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (THESE DUTIES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. INCUMBENTS MAY PERFORM SOME OR ALL OF THE DUTIES OR OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED).**

Assists licensed physical therapy assistants & therapists in their rendering of direct physical therapy treatments to clients/claimants.

Prepares clients/claimants for treatment (e.g., transporting to & from facility, changing clothing, instructing on proper use of equipment & facility), administers designated tests & measurements, records test results & provides results to physical therapist (e.g., Cybex, Kin Com).

Maintains & cleans physical therapy equipment, orders supplies, assists in modifying adaptive equipment & assists in the preparation of special reports & studies.

**Major Worker Characteristics:** Knowledge of physical therapy practices\*; physical therapy equipment & maintenance/repair\*; addition, subtraction, multiplication & division; safety practices in using equipment & machines\*. Skill in operation of physical therapy equipment\*. Ability to recognize unusual or threatening conditions & take appropriate action; carry out detailed but basic written or oral instructions; interpret variety of instructions in written, oral, picture or schedule form; read, copy & record figures; lift more than 50 lbs; stand, walk, bend continuously.

(\*)Developed after employment

**Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment:** Formal education in arithmetic that includes addition, subtraction, multiplication & division & in reading, writing & speaking common English vocabulary.

-Or equivalent of Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment noted above.

**Training and Development Required To Remain In the Classification After Employment:** Not applicable.

**Unusual Working Conditions:** May be exposed to unpredictable client/claimant behavior, to illnesses &/or to contagious diseases.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>B. U.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant	44261	04	01/09/2005	28

**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (THESE DUTIES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. INCUMBENTS MAY PERFORM SOME OR ALL OF THE DUTIES OR OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED).**

Assists in provision of physical therapy treatments under supervision of licensed physical therapist (e.g., applies & uses heat, cold, light, sound, water & massage).

Performs standard tests & measurements (e.g., R.O.M., manual muscle, joint motion) & periodically assists licensed physical therapist in performing more complex evaluations & treatments.

Prepares claimants/clients for treatment (e.g., transportation to & from facility, instruction on techniques & proper use of equipment & facilities, adjustment of orthotics, prosthesis & ambulation aids).

Observes & records patient measurements, test results, observations & evaluations, prepares periodic reports of claimants/clients treatments & assessments & assists in preparing unit reports (e.g., statistical summaries, treatment schedules, research projects).

**Major Worker Characteristics:** Knowledge of basic sciences, clinical sciences & physical therapy theory, principles & procedures; safety practices in use of equipment & machines. Skill in using physical therapy equipment & machines. Ability to deal with problems involving several variables within familiar context; write routine letters, evaluations, records following standard procedures; stand, walk, bend continuously; lift more than 50 lbs.

**Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment:** Current State of Ohio licensure as physical therapy assistant per Sections 4755.42, 4755.43 & 4755.44 of Revised Code.

**Training and Development Required To Remain In the Classification After Employment:**  
Biennial renewal of licensure as physical therapy assistant.

**Unusual Working Conditions:** May be exposed to unpredictable client/claimant behavior, to illnesses &/or to contagious diseases.

<u>CLASS TITLE</u>	<u>CLASS NUMBER</u>	<u>B. U.</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>PAY RANGE</u>
Licensed Physical Therapist	44263	11	01/09/1994	14

**JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (THESE DUTIES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. INCUMBENTS MAY PERFORM SOME OR ALL OF THE DUTIES OR OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES AS ASSIGNED).**

Evaluates claimants/clients by administering tests & measurements (e.g., range of motion, gait & functional analysis, neurological) to determine individual rehabilitation program needs, provides or oversees on-going assessment of claimant's/client's rehabilitation, prepares, transmits & maintains measurement & assessment records & reports tests, assessments & measurements to interdisciplinary teams as requested.

Participates in writing & presentation of individual claimant/client treatment plans to include formulating goals & planning appropriate physical therapy treatment, plans periodic reassessment of claimant/client progress & revises plan as necessary.

Participates in on-going continuing education & in-service training, in research projects & program development & in training of pre-clinical & clinical physical therapy students & physical therapy assistant students & licensed physical therapy assistants & therapy aides.

**Major Worker Characteristics:** Knowledge of basic sciences, clinical sciences & physical therapy theory & procedures, methods, tests & measurements; physical therapy safety practices; employee training & development\*. Skill in using physical therapy equipment & machines. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts & draw valid conclusions; write meaningful, concise & accurate reports; read technical literature of complex & abstract nature; stand, walk, bend continuously; lift more than 50 lbs.

**Minimum Class Qualifications For Employment:** Current State of Ohio licensure as physical therapist per Sections 4755.42, 4755.43 & 4755.44 of Revised Code; 1 course or 3 mos. exp. in technical report writing.

**Training and Development Required To Remain In the Classification After Employment:**

Biennial renewal of licensure as physical therapist.

**Unusual Working Conditions:** May be exposed to unpredictable client/claimant behavior, to illnesses &/or to contagious diseases.