

Registered Therapist Assistant

REGISTERED THERAPIST ASSISTANT I 4360 A19 \$48,244 - \$76,028 REGISTERED THERAPIST ASSISTANT II 4361 A21 \$54,278 - \$87,046

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs habilitation or rehabilitation therapy assistance work in providing therapeutic rehabilitation activities to clients.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Instructs and assists clients in therapeutic activities, including occupational, physical, speech and hearing, music, recreation, or education therapies under the supervision of a registered therapist.

Prepares for therapeutic activities by setting up equipment, instruments, or materials.

Observes patients during treatment, records results, and reports observations to designated medical personnel.

Transports patients to and from treatment areas.

Assists in planning, coordinating, and implementing therapeutic activity programs for individuals or groups of clients.

May perform administrative duties such as the maintenance of medical records and schedules.

Performs related work as assigned.

DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

Examples of work and descriptions are meant to progress through the levels. For example, an employee at level II may also perform work listed within the previous levels.

Note: Factors that may distinguish between the journey levels include the degree of independence in performing the work; the complexity of the therapeutic and rehabilitation activities provided; the scope of responsibility; and the employee's related experience, education, and certifications. Employees at the journey levels may independently perform the full range of work identified within current or previous levels and may assist others performing work of greater complexity.

REGISTERED THERAPIST ASSISTANT I: Performs entry-level habilitation or rehabilitation therapy assistance work. Works under close supervision, with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

REGISTERED THERAPIST ASSISTANT II: Performs routine (journey-level) habilitation or therapy assistance work. Works under moderate supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may:

- Conduct patient assessments and track progress, reporting any recommended adjustments to the supervising registered therapist.
- Modify treatment approach within established guidelines of the supervising registered therapist.
- Coordinate and collaborate between multiple therapeutic activities.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in therapy work. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent, supplemented by courses in one of the recognized therapeutic activities is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

For all levels

- Knowledge of therapy techniques and procedures.
- Skill in the use of therapeutic equipment, materials, and tools.
- Ability to plan and administer therapy programs, to prepare reports, and to communicate effectively.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

May require registration in one of the therapy specialties as required by Texas law.