

## **Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA)**

This classification specification identifies representative duties and responsibilities, and is intended to assist in the determination of the appropriate classification level within each discipline. Some duties and responsibilities may overlap between class levels. The classification specification is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of all duties performed.

Classification Title: **Physiotherapist II**

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### **Job Summary:**

The Physiotherapist (PT) II is the therapist responsible for coordinating the day-to-day operations of physiotherapy or multi-disciplinary therapy services for their assigned area.

Work at the PT II level is differentiated from work at the PT I level by the additional responsibility of coordinating therapy assessment and treatment in a service area and coordination of daily operations for services in their assigned area.

### **Key Responsibilities and Typical Duties:**

In addition to participating in the direct client care/caseload responsibilities of the PT I, the PT II:

#### **Core Duties**

- Coordinates the day-to-day operations of an assigned service area and monitors care delivery.
- Identifies service needs and assists other medical staff with caseload management as required.
- Completes chart audits and provides follow-up and feedback to staff as required.
- Takes a lead role in physiotherapy, health education and promotion.

#### **Other Related Duties**

- Participates in program development and operational planning.
- Provides input into policy and procedure development and communicates standards to staff.
- Represents the department on special committees or programs.

#### **Leadership**

- May supervise PT I's, therapy students and Assistants.
- Participates in selection, orientation, training, and evaluation of staff and students.
- Provides clinical leadership by assisting Staff Therapists in problem-solving regarding client assessment, treatment and discharge as required.

**Leadership** (cont)

- Coordinates work of assigned team.
- Provides input to management in the development of operating and capital budgets.
- Makes decisions on staffing level requirements, workflow, and caseload priorities in collaboration with other therapists.

**Decision-Making**

- Makes day-to-day clinical decisions on client needs regarding assessment, intervention, discharge and follow-up of clients.
- Establishes standards of practice in the absence of specific instructions or procedures.
- Makes decisions on matters pertaining to quality control, including operations and records.
- Resolves unusual or complex cases or refers concerns to an appropriate individual(s).

**Knowledge:**

**Education**

- Masters degree (or equivalent combination of education and experience) in Physiotherapy from an accredited university program.

**Additional Qualifications/Designations/Certification**

- Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) Authorizer status required for some services.

**Registration Requirements**

- Registered with the Physiotherapy Alberta - College + Association.

**Working Conditions:**

**Physical Demands**

- Considerable time is spent standing, walking and in close supportive contact with clients.
- Required to bend, pull, lift, perform variable movements and position changes (may be required to assume awkward positions).
- Must be able to transfer and/or assist with lifting adults/children.
- In a community setting, some physical demands with transporting equipment.

**Work Environment**

- Primarily clean, air controlled indoor environments.
- Community, work, home or school visits will have variable conditions
- Travel in all weather/road conditions.
- May be subject to verbally and/or physically aggressive clients and family.