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FOCUS AREA

Agency leadership has determined that this position meets Criteria 4: Assignment requires regular engagement with other uniformed services.

POSITION TITLE

Physical Therapist, (O-5 Billet, Supervisory). Civilian Billet- GS-0633-13

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

In support of the Naval Medical Center San Diego's (NMCS D) mission component of delivering multidisciplinary quality health services, the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program delivers holistic, interdisciplinary, outpatient healthcare, provides education, and conducts useable research to improve the readiness and well-being of our Service Members that have sustained a traumatic brain injury. The TBI Program renders interdisciplinary, symptom-based focused care for Active Duty Patients who sustain a traumatic brain injury. Providers employ evidence-based treatments and adhere to the Veterans Administration (VA) and Department of Defense (DoD) Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Management of Concussion-mild Traumatic Brain Injury (February 2016). In addition, clinical practice is guided by standards set by the Joint Commission, Department of Defense (DoD), Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), and Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCS D).

CLOSING DATE

Open until filled

*** JOB DESCRIPTION***

Specific duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

Incumbent performs as a highly specialized physical therapist (PT) within the TBI program, established for tertiary care for TBI and complex psychological and pain disorders. Designated for interdisciplinary evaluation, treatment, and research within the TBI/BH/Pain field. The degree of caseload complexity and professional challenge represent the top echelon of Department of Defense (DoD) PT pathology. The TBI program provides a level of capability to address the most complex diagnostic and treatment challenges for patients with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and complex psychological pain and social challenges suffering from persistent impairment of function. The PT is an integral and critical clinical member of the treatment team, with primary responsibilities consisting of physical, and neuromuscular, evaluations, assessment of functional capabilities, and development of a treatment plan accordingly.

The incumbent develops and implements complex treatment plans for patients presenting with multiple health dysfunction and impairments in physical, functional, and adaptive areas; i.e., gait, functional daily activities, adaptive sports, reconditioning, physical readiness training, injury prevention, human performance optimization, pain impairments, and reintegration. Plans, coordinates, and implements goal-oriented group and/or focused individual PT treatment programs, selecting activities to increase or improve muscle strength, range of motion, and

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coordination.

The incumbent has the potential to participate in advanced clinical research projects, relative to physical therapy or vestibular mechanism, and the rehabilitation of physical and vestibular disorders. Participates in the development of protocols to investigate efficacy and effectiveness of new clinical tests, clinical practice guidelines, and standards of care. Supports the research function, directing physical therapy students, externs, residents, and fellows/trainees engaged in research assignments in preparation of theses, dissertations, and other graduate medical education GME projects.

Supervises rehabilitation staff clinicians and/or technicians. Evaluates overall work accomplishment of the staff; reviews group and individual performance for consistency with policies, compliance with procedures and regulations, technical adequacy, timeliness and effective utilization of resources. Assigns work to subordinates based on priorities, work requirements, and employee capabilities. Develops performance standards and evaluates work performance. Performs all required personnel management tasks. Establishes performance standards and ensures equity for performance standards and evaluations.

Maintains all basic readiness standards as required by the U.S. Public Health Service. PHS officers assigned under this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) must remain available for PHS deployments. Under this MOA, PHS officers are not authorized to deploy with the military. 3-year (minimum) assignment tour.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Graduate of a Physical Therapy program that is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, American Physical Therapy Association. Must possess a valid and current State Physical Therapist license. Comprehensive knowledge and skill in providing specialized physical therapy services, including vestibular rehabilitation, for the treatment of patients with a history of traumatic brain injury. Previous military service and supervisory experience are highly desired.

SECRET Clearance

CONTACT INFORMATION

Interested USPHS Commissioned Corps officers should forward a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and last three COERS via email to CDR Jay Carr, james.b.carr6.mil@mail.mil.