

 Portland College	Role Profile
Job Title	Physiotherapy Assistant

Salary range	
Contract	
Main location	Portland College
Hours and basis	
Reports to	Senior Physiotherapist & Physiotherapy Manager
Date of issue	September 2021

Why Portland College needs this role

Portland College is a vibrant national college for people with a wide range of disabilities and associated learning difficulties. We strive to develop every learner's unimagined potential with a personalised programme. The Physiotherapy team deliver a high quality service to learners and citizens with a wide range of disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy and learning difficulties.

What you will be doing

You will work as part of a team of Physiotherapists and Physiotherapy Assistants supporting to deliver high quality therapy programmes as directed by the Physiotherapists.

You will as part of the Physiotherapy team:

- Assist the Physiotherapists with the rehabilitation of students, using a range of delegated exercises and manual physical therapy treatments.
- Treat students individually or in a group, in accordance with treatment protocols, or as directed by the qualified physiotherapists.
- Undertake physiotherapy work i.e. supervising classes.
- Encourage students to partake in an active approach to regaining and maintaining independence. This requires empathy, sensitivity and good interpersonal skills.
- Use effective and appropriate communication skills, to assist with treatment programmes. Especially for students who may have difficulty understanding exercises etc.
- Assist in the treatment of students as delegated by the Physiotherapist within the pool area.
- Work without direct supervision.
- Support the assessment of student progress, reporting back to the Physiotherapist
- Instruct students, carers, tutors and learning support assistants on mobility and physical therapy activities and demonstrate the safe use of equipment.
- Work within own scope of practice, to use the treatment plan provided, with allowance for minor alterations.
- To undertake simple initial assessments, as requested.
- Make accurate records of work undertaken and keep accurate activity records, in line with CSP and departmental guidelines.
- To liaise with the Physiotherapists when necessary regarding student care, highlighting any variations to expected outcomes.
- To attend any 'in service' training provided and actively participate in the delivery.



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- Training newly appointed staff in basic elements of student care, safety and induction into the department.
- Contribute to student care and promote cross College working, by attending relevant team and departmental meetings.
- Gather initial information regarding the students from medical notes, databases, handovers, MDT meetings, as required.
- Assist the qualified physiotherapists in the delivery of their caseload.
- Carry out safe moving and handling practice, for moderately to severely dependent clients within the College, on a daily basis. In accordance with planned programmes of care and moving and handling guidelines

Key results we want to see from this role

- High quality work.
- Motivation and passion to improve quality of life and promote independence.
- Work flexibly and collaboratively across a multi-disciplinary teams to meet student and citizens needs.
- Maintenance of a high quality hydrotherapy service including contributing to developing the pool and changing facilities in response to demand.

Dimensions of the role

- Work as part of the Physiotherapy team supporting learners and citizens to develop independence in College and everyday life.

Key work relationships

- Team members
- Learners / Citizens and their families/carers
- Speech and Language Therapy Team
- Occupational Therapy Team
- External maintenance providers
- Tutors and LSAs

Other information

Portland College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of its learners, customers, volunteers and staff. We expect all our staff to be aware of their responsibilities to protect learners, citizens, customers, volunteers and staff from abuse or harm and to promote Fundamental British Values.

Successful applicants will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and to provide proof of their right to work in the UK.

Other Duties & Responsibilities

- Such other duties as the management may from time to time reasonably require
- To support the development of the Learning & Teaching functions as and when required



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The above role profile is not all encompassing and is subject to regular review.

Signature of post holder

Date

I have read and accept the duties and responsibilities outlined in this role profile.