



<b>Job title</b>	<i>Physical Therapist</i>
<b>Reports to</b>	<i>Executive Director</i>
<b>Status</b>	<i>Exempt</i>

### **Job purpose**

The Gersh Organization is dedicated to changing the lives of children on the autism spectrum. Our team of professionals is committed to providing opportunities, inspiration, and guidance for every child to reach their full potential, regardless of the challenges they face. With our family of programs in various locations on Long Island and in Puerto Rico, Gersh is the leading provider of educational and support services for children on the autism spectrum and their families.

Gersh Academy at Cougar Mountain provides an environment where programs and services are customized around our student's individual needs both inside and outside the classroom. Expanding our program to the Pacific North West and at Cougar Mountain allows for limitless opportunities to use our curriculum and vocational philosophies to create new and exciting experiences that benefit our students, their families and the community.

Gersh Academy at Cougar Mountain is seeking an experienced and enthusiastic Physical Therapist. The Physical Therapist will work with students with disabilities and serious health impairments to create and carry out treatment plans, evaluate needs of students, screen students who may be appropriate candidates for physical therapy services, make environmental modifications and work with staff to manage physical needs.

### **Duties and responsibilities**

- Evaluates the student's ability and formulates the student's profile through a variety of functional, behavioral, and standardized assessments, skilled observation, checklists, histories, and interviews.
- Synthesizes evaluation results into a comprehensive written report which reflects strengths and barriers to student participation in the educational environment; directs program development; and guides evidence-based intervention.
- Implements individual and group treatment for Physical Therapy.
- Develops and presents therapeutic activities to benefit special education students in the least restrictive environment.
- Reviewing clinical records of students receiving Physical Therapy for completeness of data.
- Maintaining attendance and anecdotal records for students receiving Physical Therapy.
- Participating in multidisciplinary and parent conferences to discuss student progress, as well as offering recommendations for specific therapy programs relating to both individuals and groups of students.

- Consulting with school and supervisory staff on matters relating to Physical Therapy including: instruction on therapeutic intervention; appropriate use of therapeutic equipment, methods, and instruction; and student's current level of function.
- Consulting with parents/guardians regarding treatment goals, specialized therapeutic equipment, and other recommendations to enhance the student's functional ability within the classroom and home setting.
- Ordering supplies and equipment as needed to carry out Physical Therapy program, and maintaining ongoing inventory of these materials.
- Contacting primary care facilities regarding student's medical issues, adaptive equipment needs, etc, as they relate to the continuity of services both in school and in the home setting

#### **Qualifications**

- Valid Washington State Physical Therapy license required
- Masters or Doctoral degree from a CAPTE-accredited program required

#### **Working Conditions**

- Occasional before and after school work hours at the discretion of the Administrative staff
- School / Classroom setting

#### **Physical requirements**

- Must be able to lift 50lbs and more
- Be able to stand and sit for prolonged periods of time