

**Job Title:** Physiotherapist

**Location:** NAA Diagnostic Care Centre - Dummar, Damascus

**Salary:** Competitive

**Job Type:** Permanent

**Job Duration:** 3 months probation and following acceptance, a long term contract

**Responsible to:** Clinic Manager

**Responsible for:** Establishing and delivering a high quality physiotherapy service for NAA patients

### **Job profile**

Physiotherapy is a healthcare profession which sees human movement as central to the health and well-being of individuals. Physiotherapists identify and maximize movement potential through health promotion, preventive healthcare, treatment and rehabilitation. Physiotherapist treats patients with physical difficulties resulting from illness, injury, disability or ageing. S/he will treat people of all ages including children, the elderly, stroke patients and people with sports injuries. S/he treats a wide variety of conditions, such as injuries and fractures (including sports injuries), orthopedics and joints, strokes, post surgical rehabilitation, intensive care or terminal illness, abdominal conditions, Obstetrics & Gynecology, chest conditions, posture and movement, neurological conditions, learning difficulties and mental illness. They devise and review treatment programmes comprising manual therapy, movement, therapeutic exercise and the application of technological equipment, e.g. ultrasound. Physiotherapists also provide advice on how to avoid injury and often see patients for several consultations over a period of weeks or months.

### **Main Duties and Responsibilities**

- ✓ Working with patients to identify the physical problem by taking their medical history and conducting the appropriate examination to assess their strength, flexibility, mobility, balance, coordination, breathing and other motor skills.
- ✓ Developing and reviewing treatment programmes and protocols.
- ✓ Assisting patients with cardiac, joint and spinal problems, especially following surgery.
- ✓ Helping patients' rehabilitation following accidents, injury and strokes.
- ✓ Supervising physiotherapy assistants.
- ✓ Writing patient case notes and reports.
- ✓ Collecting patient statistic alongside other administrative duties.
- ✓ Educating and advising patients and their drivers about how to prevent and/or improve conditions.
- ✓ Keeping up to date with new techniques and technologies available for treating patients.
- ✓ Liaising with other healthcare personnel to supply and receive relevant information about the background and progress of patients, as well as referring patients who require other specific medical attention.

## **Personal Specifications**

### **Knowledge and Qualification**

- ✓ Recognized and accredited Physiotherapy degree.
- ✓ Registration as a Physiotherapist in Syria is essential.

### **Experience**

- ✓ At least five years post-graduate experience working or training within a recognized physiotherapy program.

### **Skills/Abilities**

- ✓ Proficient skills, knowledge and experience manual therapy, therapeutic exercise and the application of electro-physical modalities.
- ✓ Excellent communication skills.
- ✓ Excellent command of Arabic and English (written, orally).
- ✓ Ability to work in a team - regularly liaising with other professionals, such as doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, teachers and drivers.
- ✓ Pragmatic problem-solving skills.
- ✓ Initiative, patience, sensitivity and tact.
- ✓ Excellent organizational and administrative skills.
- ✓ The ability to be firm, encouraging and empathetic.
- ✓ An appreciation of psychological, cultural and social factors which influence their clients;
- ✓ The ability to establish a rapport with patients and their families.
- ✓ A genuine concern for the wellbeing and health of patients.