Lab Assistant

G.A. position: Lab Assistant

Department: Physical Therapy

Supervisor: Various Instructors

Job Description:

There are several part-time lab assistant GA positions available in the PT department. Each graduate assistant will assist faculty as the supervisor designates, with laboratory activities by organizing materials required for each laboratory experience and maintaining order and cleanliness of the clinical laboratory and equipment. The GA will also assist the instructor provide learning and practice activities and materials for class and laboratory sessions. The GA will help the instructor arrange for special projects and off-campus trips and do literature searches and assist with research activities as requested.

Job Functions/Responsibilities:

- Maintain inventory of laboratory supplies and equipment
- Maintain order in clinical laboratories as requested
- Set up laboratory areas for lab sessions, lectures and competencies by collecting required equipment and materials as directed
- Assist in running skill checks as a mock-patient or welcoming and directing students from station to station
- Provide peer tutoring if requested and after demonstrating competence to the supervisor
- Assist supervisor in preparing special materials to facilitate student learning in classroom and laboratory sessions
- Perform literature searches and assist with research projects as requested
- Assist supervisor in organizing off-campus projects and trips which may include providing maps, contacting schools/ALF for professional health-related teaching experiences, etc.
- Assist in purchase of new laboratory equipment as directed
- Other miscellaneous activities requested by supervisor

Desired Qualifications:

- Successful completion of first year of DPT program
- Excellent communication skills, initiative, ability to prioritize tasks, competence in supervisor’s area of instruction and responsible

Graduate Student Outcomes:

- Improved leadership and presentation skills
- Improved familiarity with equipment and materials utilized in PT practice
- Increased knowledge of problems/solutions encountered, instructor considerations, instructional concepts and basic responsibilities of instructors.
- Improved organizational and instructional skills
Appropriate SRU Graduate Majors:

- DPT program Graduate School of Physical Therapy
- Second-year or third-year DPT students only

Supervisor’s Expectations:

- 4.5 to 5 hours/week fall and spring
- Provide tutorial sessions as requested by students/supervisor
- Collect and organize all requested laboratory materials and equipment prior to beginning of
lecture or lab as appropriate
- Be available to assist supervisor with laboratory prakticals/skill checks
- Confer with supervisor regularly to assess need for task completion and assistance.

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