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# SUPERSEDES

# TITLE Rehabilitation Assistant CLASSIFICATION GRADE 04

# SPECIALTY GRADE 20

### BASIC FUNCTION AND RESPONSIBILITY

Perform prescribed rehabilitation treatments according to established guidelines and protocols. Assignments are coordinated by a Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist. Treatment is carried out independently by the Rehabilitation Assistant under general supervision.

#### CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Independently carry out treatment plans in consultation with an occupational or physical therapist:

* Execute treatments designed to improve patients’ functional capabilities.
* Instruct patients in exercise performance and training techniques.
* Assure patient safety at all times during rehabilitation sessions.
* Continuously evaluate the patients’ response to rehabilitation interventions and independently implement treatment modifications as needed which may also include necessary adjustments to equipment to promote maximum safety, comfort and effectiveness.

Perform quality control checks to ensure safe operation of rehabilitation equipment.

Complete occupational or physical therapy documentation in the medical record within the prescribed time lines.

Provide oversight and direction to rehabilitation aides.

Instruct and evaluate occupational or physical therapy assistant students.

*In addition to the duties and responsibilities noted above, the position description must include statements from*[*UI Health Care Core Values (WECARE)*](https://uihc.org/mission-vision-and-core-values)*for Health Care positions or*[*Universal Competencies*](https://hr.uiowa.edu/careers/competencies/universal-competencies)*for all other positions.*

##### SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Supervision is received from an Occupation Therapist or Physical Therapist.

##### SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Functional supervision is exercised over support staff.

### QUALIFICATIONS

An Associate Arts degree from an accredited Occupational or Physical Therapy Assistant program or completion of the requirements leading to educational exemption as defined by the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners is required.

Licensure in accord with the Iowa Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners is required.

Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required.