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Minimum Qualification Specifications  
for the Classes:

PHYSICAL THERAPIST II, III, IV, V

**License Required:**

A valid license with the State of Hawaii as a Physical Therapist at the time of appointment.\*

\*At the time of application, applicants must be licensed with the State of Hawaii as a Physical Therapist, or applicants must have graduated from a physical therapy program accredited by an agency recognized by either the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and passed the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE).

**Experience Requirements:**

Applicants must have progressively responsible professional physical therapy work experience in the quantity shown in the table below:

Class Title	Physical Therapy Experience (Yrs)
Physical Therapist II	0
Physical Therapist III	1
Physical Therapist IV	2
Physical Therapist V	3

Physical Therapy Experience: Professional experience as a Physical Therapist under medical supervision. The experience must have equipped the applicant with a full professional understanding of the theories of prevention and treatment of physical disability or disease by physical therapy and their proper application by use of physical measures, activities and devices for preventive and therapeutic purposes which are appropriate to the patient's physical and psychological condition.

For the class Physical Therapist III and above, at least one year of experience must have been comparable to the next lower level in this series.

For some positions in the classes Physical Therapist IV and V, it may be necessary that the applicant be required to show evidence of ability to supervise others.

**Substitution Allowed:**

Substitution of Education for Experience: A master's or doctorate degree in physical therapy from a program accredited by an agency recognized by either the United States Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation may be substituted for one (1) year of physical therapy experience.

**Quality of Experience:**

Possession of the required number of years of experience will not in itself be accepted as proof of qualification for a position. The applicant's overall experience must have been of such scope and level of responsibility as to conclusively demonstrate that he/she has the ability to perform the duties of the position for which he/she is being considered.

**Selective Certification:**

Specialized knowledge, skills and abilities may be required to perform the duties of some positions. For such positions, Selective Certification Requirements may be established and certification may be restricted to eligibles who possess the pertinent experience and/or training required to perform the duties of the position.

Agencies requesting selective certification must show the connection between the kind of training and/or experience on which they wish to base selective certification and the duties of the position to be filled.

**Tests:**

Applicants may be required to qualify on an appropriate examination.

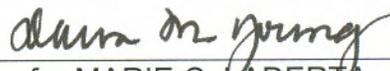
**Physical and Medical Requirements:**

Applicants must be able to perform the essential duties and responsibilities of the position effectively and safely, with or without reasonable accommodation.

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This is an amendment to the minimum qualification specification for the classes PHYSICAL THERAPIST II, III, IV and V, which was approved on May 8, 1990.

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