

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Title	Physiotherapist (Rotational)			
Reports to	<u>Christchurch Campus</u> : Clinical Manager - Physiotherapy; Team Leader - Physiotherapy, relevant cluster. <u>Burwood Hospital</u> : Clinical Manager - Physiotherapy; Team Leader - Physiotherapy, relevant cluster. <u>Specialist Mental Health Service</u> : Clinical Lead of Physiotherapy			
Location	Christchurch Campus Burwood Campus Hillmorton Campus			
Department	Allied Health			
Direct Reports	Nil		Total FTE	Nil
Budget Size	Opex	Nil	Capex	Nil
Delegated Authority	HR	Nil	Finance	Nil
Date	January 2026			
Job band (indicative)	1-5, degree scale			

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations.
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well.
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it.
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities.
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system.

Te Mauri o Rongo – The New Zealand Health Charter

The foundation for how we ensure our people are empowered, safe and supported while working to deliver a successful healthcare system, is Te Mauri o Rongo – the New Zealand Health Charter. It guides all of us as we work towards a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of, and accessible to all people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It applies to everyone in our organisation and sits alongside our code of conduct as our guiding document.

Te Mauri o Rongo consists of four pou (pillars) within it, including:

Wairuatanga – working with heart, the strong sense of purpose and commitment to service that health workers bring to their mahi.

Rangatiratanga – as organisations we support our people to lead. We will know our people; we will grow those around us and be accountable with them in contributing to Pae Ora for all.

Whanaungatanga – we are a team, and together a team of teams. Regardless of our role, we work together for a common purpose. We look out for each other and keep each other safe.

Te Korowai Āhuru – a cloak which seeks to provide safety and comfort to the workforce.

These values underpin how we relate to each other as we serve our whānau and communities.

Together we will do this by:

- caring for the people
- recognising, supporting and valuing our people and the work we all do
- working together to design and deliver services, and
- defining the competencies and behaviours we expect from everyone.

About the role

The primary purpose of the role is to:

The Physiotherapist is responsible for the delivery of physiotherapeutic assessments of patients with diverse and complex conditions especially in the designated area, to develop and deliver a patient focused treatment programme.

Rotations include placements across Acute Tertiary Care, Rehabilitation, Outpatient, and Community Services. (Available rotations may be altered due to service requirements).

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop and enhance physiotherapy clinical knowledge and skills across a broad spectrum of the patient journey through rotations in a variety of health service specialties. • To enhance and demonstrate the skills and ability to practice safely, effectively and autonomously while recognising limitations and seeking help when appropriate. • To evaluate clinical practice through reflection, audit and outcome measures in order to continually improve the physiotherapy service to patients and promote evidence informed practice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain patient documentation, records and accurate statistical information to reflect care provided and meet professional standards both locally and nationally. • Completing set objectives for each rotation. • To participate in weekend and after hours services (on call, weekends and public holidays). • Develop the skills to provide supervision, clinical education and training to other Physiotherapists, Physiotherapy assistants, under the guidance of Team Leaders. • Provide supervision to Physiotherapy students as appropriate and as negotiated. • Contribute to service development and change through liaison with the team leader and clinical manager / professional lead. • Active participation in personal professional supervision. • Active participation in professional development activities.
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains focused on the pursuit of Māori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. • Supports tangata whenua- and mana whenua-led change to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care. • Actively supports kaimahi Māori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership.
Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commits to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes. • Demonstrates awareness of colonisation and power relationships. • Demonstrates critical consciousness and on-going self-reflection and self-awareness in terms of the impact of their own culture on interactions and service delivery. • Shows a willingness to personally take a stand for equity. • Supports Māori-led and Pacific-led responses.
Innovation & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is open to new ideas and create a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to 'do it better' to the table. • Models an agile approach – tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develops and maintains appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practices.
Collaboration and Relationship Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing our best and collegially supports others to do the same. • Works with peers in Hauora Māori Service and Pacific Health Business Unit to ensure the voice of and direct aspirations of Māori and Pacific People are reflected in planning and delivery of services.

Health & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others' health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are followed. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

Matters which must be referred to the Allied Health Clinical Manager, Physiotherapy

- Direct line management activities

Relationships

External	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients/clients and their family/carers • Community support groups • Physiotherapy colleagues • General Practitioners • Rehabilitation and equipment suppliers • ACC and other funding agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Manager/Team Leader • Physiotherapy Staff • CDHB Clinical Staff • CDHB support services • Physiotherapy Students • University of Otago

About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- A relevant graduate qualification.
- Experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.
- Degree in Physiotherapy
- Registration with physiotherapy Board of New Zealand and current APC
- A genuine interest in a broad range of physiotherapy clinical specialties
- Demonstrates integrity, trustworthiness and initiative

Desired:

- Understanding of quality improvement processes
- Research experience
- Training in supervision

You will be able to Essential:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including how to apply Te Tiriti principles in a meaningful way in your role.
- Take care of own physical and mental wellbeing, and have the stamina needed to go the distance.
- Maximise the quality and contributions of individuals and teams to achieve the organisation's vision, purpose and goals.
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with people at all levels within the public and private sectors, related industry and community interest groups and the wider national and international communities.
- Demonstrate a strong drive to deliver and take personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate self-awareness of your impact on people and invests in your own leadership practice to continuously grow and improve.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal, professional and institutional behaviour through commitment, loyalty and integrity.

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.