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OPENING OF PHYSICAL THERAPY COURSE

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Quoted hereunder is a memorandum of the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy dated July 2, 1980 on opening of Physical Therapy course which is self-explanatory:

"SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO OFFER PHYSICAL THERAPY COURSE BY ANY SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE PHILIPPINES

"It has come to the attention of this Board that while Nursing is in the process of limiting enrollment in their respective institutions, an alternative course is being offered by the said institutions, with physical therapy course among others.

"To maintain the high standard of physical therapy education in this country, no institutions may be permitted to operate a physical therapy course and training programme unless it offers a medical course and provisions made ready for 'adequate physical therapy facilities,' for laboratory and clinical practice.

"At present there are six (6) institutions with medical course offering B.S. Physical Therapy Programme:

- "1. University of the Philippines - Manila
- "2. University of Santo Tomas - Manila
- "3. Cebu Doctor's College  
of Arts and Sciences - Cebu City
- "4. Virgen Milagrosa Educational - San Carlos  
Institutions City,  
Pangasinan

- "5. General Emilio  
Aguinaldo College - Manila
- "6. Perpetual Help College - Biñan, Laguna

"These institutions are more than enough to supply the manpower as demanded by the present needs of the community in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation services.

"This official rule is herein provided for your information and guidance."

Accordingly, only institutions that qualify under the limitations indicated in the second paragraph of the above quoted memorandum may be allowed to offer the B.S. Physical Therapy course.

- 3. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall be disseminated to all concerned.

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Minister of Education and Culture

Reference:  
None

Allotment: 1-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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