

Physical Therapy Aide

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do physical therapy aides do?

Physical therapy aides are like healthy joints—they help keep a physical therapy clinic operating smoothly. Their daily duties include the following responsibilities:

- Greeting and checking in patients
- Scheduling appointments
- Setting up equipment for patient use during appointments
- Transporting patients
- Cleaning and organizing physical therapy facilities
- Observing patients and documenting their responses and progress
- Assisting physical therapists with selected procedures

Where do they work?

Physical therapy aides spend a good deal of time interacting with patients, both verbally and physically, so professionalism, compassion, and attention to detail are key. Since physical therapy clinics (like all healthcare facilities) are sanitary spaces, conscientious cleaner-uppers are valued. You'll likely spend time on the computer and/or phone, but you'll be on your feet often, too. Dress codes usually require scrubs or comfortable, semi-professional clothing, and work hours vary based on the facility.



How much do they earn?

The salary for this role varies based on facility, location, and experience, but the average annual income is \$24, 920. Employment generally includes health benefits and paid time off.

How's the job outlook?

Whether we like it or not, our population is increasing in age, diabetes, and obesity. That means our need for physical therapy is increasing as well. Physical therapy aides are some of the most in-demand workers in the growing healthcare industry, with job openings expected to increase 18% by 2031. It's also worth noting your career advancement opportunities, which include physical therapy assistant, massage therapist, and exercise physiologist.

"CareerStep really helped me widen my knowledge and is very convenient to use! The CareerStep team is very helpful and gave me a lot of resources. I would highly recommend CareerStep to others!"

HANNAH KRISHNA NARVANTE, CAREERSTEP LEARNER
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PROGRAM DETAILS

Improve Your Life

When it comes to career training, you'll find a lot of posers out there. Con artists that'll try to impress you with fancy hyperbole. But through all the noise, the distinct sound of success can be heard. Your success. All it takes is a little push. A nudge in the right direction—and your whole life could change. New doors opened. New worlds discovered. And new opportunities explored.

Prepare For A Better Job

This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience and is specially designed to train you to aid in patient care and prepare to earn nationally recognized credentials.

Learn Your Way

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day

Receive Coaching and Guidance

When you train with CareerStep, we back you every step of the way—from sign-up through course completion.

- Learner support
- Technical support
- Career support

Get Certified

We'll prepare you to take nationally recognized exams so you can explore greater opportunities in your area.

Physical Therapy Technician Certification (PTTC)

This program was designed to prepare you to sit for the Physical Therapy Technician/Aide certification exam—offered by the American Medical Certification Association (AMCA)—and qualify you to become an in-demand physical therapy aide.

Program Outline

Module

Program Orientation: Physical Therapy Aide

Healthcare Foundational Knowledge and Basic Science

Anatomy and Physiology

General Patient Care

Patient Care Coordination and Education

Medical Administrative Assistant

Medical Laws and Ethics

Foundations of Physical Therapy

Program Completion: Physical Therapy Aide

TOTAL 327

Coursework, Simulations, and Experiential