

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 \$49,180.* Employment generally includes health benefits and paid time off.

How's the job outlook?

Physical therapy aides are some of the most in-demand workers in the growing healthcare industry, with job openings expected to increase 24% by 2031. It's also worth noting your career advancement opportunities, which include physical therapy assistant, massage therapist, and exercise physiologist.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides" Occupational Outlook Handbook. Accessed April 25, 2023.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

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

Physical Therapy Technician/Aide (PTTC)

This program was designed to help you prepare to sit for the Physical Therapy Technician/Aide (PTTC) 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 Essentials
General Patient Care
Patient Care Coordination and Education
Medical Administrative Assistant
Medical Laws and Ethics
Infection Control
Foundations of Physical Therapy
Communication and Customer Service in the Healthcare Office
Program Completion: Physical Therapy Aide