

Physical Therapist Fast Facts

Your journey to finding your path

- Review patients' medical history and referrals or notes from doctors, surgeons, or other healthcare workers
- Diagnose patients' functions and movements by observing them stand or walk and by listening to their concerns
- Develop individualized plans of care for patients, outlining the patients' goals and the expected outcomes of the plans
- Use exercises, stretching maneuvers, hands-on therapy, and equipment to ease patients' pain, help them increase their mobility, prevent further pain or injury, and facilitate health and wellness
- Evaluate and record a patients' progress, modifying the plan of care and trying new treatments as needed
- Educate patients and their families about what to expect from the recovery process and how to cope with challenges throughout the process

Requirements:

- Obtain a Bachelors in recreation, fitness, or healthcare related field
- Completion of Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program
- Residency or fellowship
- State licensure

2023 Median Salary is \$99,710

15% job demand increase estimated between 2022-2032

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