

See How You Can Change Lives as a Physical Therapist

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Physical therapists are licensed doctors who examine, diagnose, and treat movement dysfunction. Physical therapists work with multiple patient populations and people impacted by disease, injury, disability, and movement dysfunction. They optimize quality of life by maintaining, restoring, and improving their patients' ability to move and perform functional activities.

Physical therapists combine doctoral-level education, clinical experience, and the latest research to help people meet their movement and functional needs and goals.



Pathway to Being a Physical Therapist

- Fulfill doctor of physical therapy program requirements
- Apply to an accredited DPT program
- Join the American Physical Therapy Association as a student member
- Graduate with a DPT degree
- Pass the national PT licensure exam
- Continue APTA membership as a licensed PT
- Pursue a specialty certification, residency, or fellowship



Learn More About Physical Therapists

- Physical Therapy Careers: apta.org/your-career
- Apply to DPT programs: ptcas.org

Reasons to Choose Physical Therapy

- 1 Top-ranked health care profession*
- 2 Job satisfaction
- 3 Flexibility to be a clinician, researcher, entrepreneur, faculty, lobbyist, and more
- 4 Growing profession**
- 5 \$90,170 average annual salary***

*U.S. News & World Report: money.usnews.com/careers/best-jobs/physical-therapist

**Bureau of Labor Statistics: bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapists.htm

***bls.gov/oes/current/oes291123.htm

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Doctor of Physical Therapy Information

Common DPT application requirements

- Prerequisite courses
- Letters of recommendation
- GRE
- Supplemental application
- Observation hours

Popular undergraduate majors



Exercise science



Health science



Biology



Psychology



Kinesiology

(Most programs will accept any major as long as prerequisite courses are completed or in progress.)

Common course prerequisites



Anatomy & physiology



Physics



Biology



Psychology/behavioral science



Chemistry



Statistics

Postprofessional PT Clinical Specialties

- Cardiovascular & Pulmonary
- Clinical Electrophysiology
- Geriatrics
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Orthopaedics
- Pediatrics
- Sports
- Women's Health
- Wound Management

Where Physical Therapists Practice

