



What does a Physical Therapist do?

- Physical Therapists treat patients with exercise, light, heat, cold, water, electricity, ultrasound, and massage.
- Physical Therapists help improve patients' strength and mobility, relieve pain, and take a
 personal and direct approach to meeting an individual's health goals.
- They work closely with the patient and other health care practitioners and develop a continuing program of physical rehabilitation for the patient.

What kind of education would I need?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- · Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree of two to four years of study and two to three years of professional education
- Many colleges and universities are now in the process of changing their programs from a master's degree level to a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

Where would I work?

- Hospitals
- · Private physical therapy offices
- · Community health centers
- Sports facilities
- · Research institutions
- · Rehabilitation centers
- Nursing homes
- · Home health agencies
- Pediatric centers
- Elementary, High school, Colleges and Universities







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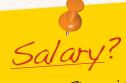
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Employment of Physical Therapists is expected to increase 39% from 2010 to 2020.

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Physical Therapists
earn an average of
\$68,900 per year!