

WORKING TO BE A

Physical Therapist Aide



What type of education is needed to be a physical therapy aide?

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Most employers have on-the-job training

What licenses or certifications are needed to be a physical therapist aide?

- None required

What does a physical therapist aide do?

- Work with a physical therapist to help with patients
- Help patients dress and undress
- Help patients put into therapy equipment and help keep them stable during treatment
- Give water treatments, paraffin baths, and apply hot and cold packs
- Help keep track of patients' conditions, report signs of problems
- Change bed sheets and pillowcases, keep supplies in order, clean treatment areas, sterile or disinfect equipment
- Order supplies, file medical records, and other clerical duties

What is the work environment like for a physical therapist aide?

- Work on health teams with doctors, nurses, and physical therapists in public and private hospitals, clinics, private offices, and schools for the physically challenged
- Buildings are generally well lit and temperature controlled
- Can be a full or part time employee, often have evening and/or weekend hours
- Requires lifting and positioning patients
- Good health and endurance needed to help observe patients during treatments

How can a physical therapist aide grow in their field?

- Can work through education and experience to become a physical therapist assistant or a physical therapist

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What is the normal pay range for a physical therapist aide?

- \$7.91–\$14.62 per hour

What Source partners offer training to be a physical therapist aide?

- Owens Community College