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## Physical Therapist Assistants

### Louisiana

## Summary of Job Duties

**Physical Therapist Assistants** [Video](#) - Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Generally requires formal training.

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## Detailed Job Description

**Physical Therapist Assistants** Physical therapist assistants help patients do specific exercises as part of the plan of care.

Physical therapist assistants, sometimes called PTAs, and physical therapist aides work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists. They help patients who are recovering from injuries and illnesses regain movement and manage pain. Physical therapist assistants are involved in the direct care of patients. Physical therapist aides often do tasks that are indirectly related to patient care, such as cleaning and setting up the treatment area, moving patients, and performing clerical duties.

### Duties

Physical therapist assistants typically do the following:

- Observe patients before, during, and after therapy, noting the patient's status and reporting it to a physical therapist
- Help patients do specific exercises as part of the plan of care
- Treat patients, using a variety of techniques, such as massage and stretching
- Use devices and equipment, such as walkers, to help patients
- Educate patients and family members about what to do after treatment

Physical therapist aides typically do the following:

- Clean treatment areas and set up therapy equipment
- Wash linens
- Help patients move to or from a therapy area
- Do clerical tasks, such as answering phones and scheduling patients

Physical therapist assistants help physical therapists provide care to patients. Under the direction and supervision of physical therapists, they treat patients through exercise, massage, gait and balance training, and other therapeutic interventions. Physical therapist assistants record patients' progress and report the results of each treatment to the physical therapist.

Physical therapist aides work under the direct supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. They usually are responsible for keeping the treatment area clean and organized, and preparing for each patient's therapy. They also help patients who need assistance moving to or from a treatment area. In addition, aides do a variety of clerical tasks, such as ordering supplies, scheduling treatment sessions, and filling out insurance forms. The types of tasks that physical therapist aides are allowed to perform vary by state. Contact your state licensing board for more information.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## Job Zone


The section below shows the job zone information for Physical Therapist Assistants. Job Zone Three: Medium Preparation Needed.

Education	Experience	Training
Most occupations in this zone require training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree.	Previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is required for these occupations. For example, an electrician must have completed three or four years of apprenticeship or several years of vocational training, and often must have passed a licensing exam, in order to perform the job.	Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

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## Jobs Available

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online in Louisiana for Physical Therapist Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Occupation	Job Openings
Physical Therapist Assistants 	<u>52</u>
Healthcare Support Occupations	<u>1,362</u>

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Source: Online advertised jobs data

## Monthly Job Count

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana October, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

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Occupation	Job Openings
Physical Therapist Assistants	58

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Source: Online advertised jobs data

Jobs Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of number of job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data  
 Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program  
 The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Data is from a 2019 survey.

Jobs in Related Occupations

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online in Louisiana for occupations related to Physical Therapist Assistants on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Job Openings	*Related By
1	Registered Nurses	\$64,044	4,509	O*NET
2	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$40,065	697	O*NET
3	Personal Care Aides	N/A	409	O*NET
4	Critical Care Nurses	\$64,044	358	O*NET
5	Medical Assistants	\$29,530	295	O*NET
6	Surgical Technologists	\$40,492	222	O*NET
7	Respiratory Therapists	\$54,660	181	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Job Openings	*Related By
8	<a href="#">Radiologic Technologists</a> 🌟	\$51,720	<a href="#">168</a>	O*NET
9	<a href="#">Pharmacy Technicians</a> 🌟	\$33,109	<a href="#">166</a>	O*NET
10	<a href="#">Social and Human Service Assistants</a> 🌟	\$29,210	<a href="#">77</a>	O*NET
11	<a href="#">Respiratory Therapy Technicians</a>	N/A	<a href="#">66</a>	O*NET
12	<a href="#">Physical Therapist Assistants</a> 🌟	\$54,873	<a href="#">52</a>	N/A
13	<a href="#">Psychiatric Technicians</a> 🌟	\$26,817	<a href="#">51</a>	O*NET
14	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy Assistants</a> 🌟	\$60,548	<a href="#">45</a>	O*NET
15	<a href="#">Massage Therapists</a> 🌟	\$20,527	<a href="#">45</a>	O*NET
16	<a href="#">Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</a> 🌟	\$37,253	<a href="#">44</a>	O*NET
17	<a href="#">Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</a> 🌟	\$35,912	<a href="#">36</a>	O*NET
18	<a href="#">Dental Hygienists</a> 🌟	N/A	<a href="#">20</a>	O*NET
19	<a href="#">Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</a> 🌟	\$26,839	<a href="#">17</a>	O*NET
20	<a href="#">Acute Care Nurses</a> 🌟	\$64,044	<a href="#">16</a>	O*NET
21	<a href="#">Athletic Trainers</a> 🌟	\$44,627	<a href="#">16</a>	O*NET
22	<a href="#">Radiation Therapists</a> 🌟	\$70,724	<a href="#">11</a>	O*NET
23	<a href="#">Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary.</a>	\$49,218	<a href="#">9</a>	O*NET
24	<a href="#">Psychiatric Aides</a> 🌟	N/A	<a href="#">9</a>	O*NET
25	<a href="#">Opticians, Dispensing</a> 🌟	\$31,270	<a href="#">4</a>	O*NET
26	<a href="#">Physical Therapist Aides</a> 🌟	\$21,512	<a href="#">3</a>	SOC4
27	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy Aides</a> 🌟	\$28,839	<a href="#">1</a>	O*NET

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Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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SOC4 - Occupational grouping based on 1st 4 digits of the [Standard Occupational Classification](#) system.

## Candidates Available

This section shows potential candidates in the workforce system in Louisiana for Physical Therapist Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020.

Occupation	Candidates
Physical Therapist Assistants 🌟	57
Healthcare Support Occupations	10,568

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Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

# Candidate Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of potential candidates in the workforce system for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Candidates
1	<u>East Baton Rouge Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	17
2	<u>Jefferson Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	17
3	<u>Orleans Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	16
4	<u>Ascension Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
5	<u>Bossier Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
6	<u>Calcasieu Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
7	<u>Lafayette Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
8	<u>Livingston Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
9	<u>Ouachita Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	13
10	<u>Caddo Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	12

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.  
Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program  
The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Data is from a 2019 survey.

## Candidates in Related Occupations

This section shows how many potential candidates in the workforce system were looking for work in Louisiana in occupations related to Physical Therapist Assistants on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Candidates	*Related By
1	<u>Medical Assistants</u> 🌟	\$29,530	2,207	O*NET
2	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	2,185	O*NET
3	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> 🌟	\$40,065	815	O*NET
4	<u>Registered Nurses</u> 🌟	\$64,044	423	O*NET
5	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> 🌟	\$26,839	361	O*NET
6	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> 🌟	\$33,109	298	O*NET
7	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> 🌟	\$29,210	290	O*NET
8	<u>Acute Care Nurses</u> 🌟	\$64,044	142	O*NET
9	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> 🌟	\$26,817	115	O*NET
10	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> 🌟	N/A	109	O*NET
11	<u>Surgical Technologists</u> 🌟	\$40,492	108	O*NET
12	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> 🌟	\$21,512	103	SOC4
13	<u>Massage Therapists</u> 🌟	\$20,527	99	O*NET
14	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> 🌟	\$35,912	99	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median Wage	Candidates	*Related By
15	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	87	O*NET
16	<u>Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</u> 🌟	\$37,253	73	O*NET
17	<u>Opticians, Dispensing</u> 🌟	\$31,270	67	O*NET
18	Physical Therapist Assistants 🌟	\$54,873	57	N/A
19	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> 🌟	\$44,627	46	O*NET
20	<u>Radiologic Technologists</u> 🌟	\$51,720	34	O*NET
21	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	\$49,218	32	O*NET
22	<u>Occupational Therapy Assistants</u> 🌟	\$60,548	28	O*NET
23	<u>Respiratory Therapists</u> 🌟	\$54,660	20	O*NET
24	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> 🌟	\$28,839	14	O*NET
25	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> 🌟	\$64,044	11	O*NET
26	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	N/A	4	O*NET

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Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program

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### Jobs and Candidates Available

This section shows the number of job openings advertised online, as well as potential candidates in the workforce system in Louisiana for Physical Therapist Assistants and for the related occupational group of Healthcare Support Occupations on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Occupation	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
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Healthcare Support Occupations	<u>1,362</u>	10,568	7.76

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Job Source: Online advertised jobs data

Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

### Jobs and Candidates Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of number of job openings advertised online, as well as potential candidates in the workforce system for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana by parishes on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
1	<u>Orleans Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	16	16.00

Rank	Area Name	Median Wage	Job Openings	Candidates	Candidates per Job
2	<u>Bossier Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	13	13.00
3	<u>St. Mary Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	11	11.00
4	<u>Iberia Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	10	10.00
5	<u>Plaquemines Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	10	10.00
6	<u>Terrebonne Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>1</u>	10	10.00
7	<u>Jefferson Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>2</u>	17	8.50
8	<u>Ouachita Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>2</u>	13	6.50
9	<u>Rapides Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>2</u>	12	6.00
10	<u>East Baton Rouge Parish</u>	\$54,873 state level wages	<u>3</u>	17	5.67



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Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.  
Wage Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program  
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## National Supply and Demand Summary

**Physical Therapist Assistants** Employment of physical therapist assistants is projected to grow 31 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Employment of physical therapist aides is projected to grow 29 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the health needs of an aging population, particularly the large baby-boom generation. This group is staying more active later in life than previous generations did. However, many baby boomers also are entering the prime age for heart attacks, strokes and mobility-related injuries, increasing the demand for physical therapy needed for rehabilitation.

In addition, a number of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity, have become more prevalent in recent years. More physical therapist assistants and aides will be needed to manage the effects of such conditions and help patients maintain their mobility. Moreover, medical and technological developments should permit an increased percentage of trauma victims and newborns with birth defects to survive, creating added demand for therapy and rehabilitative services.

Physical therapists are expected to increasingly use physical therapist assistants, particularly in long-term care environments, in order to reduce the cost of physical therapy services. Once the physical therapist has evaluated a patient and designed a plan of care, the assistant can provide many parts of the treatment, as directed by the therapist.

### Job Prospects

Opportunities for physical therapist assistants are expected to be good. Physical therapist assistants will be needed to help physical therapists care for and manage more patients. However, physical therapist aides may face strong competition from the large pool of qualified people because requirements for entry are low.

Job opportunities should be particularly good in settings where the elderly are most often treated, such as skilled-nursing homes, home health, and outpatient orthopedic facilities. Job prospects should be especially favorable in rural areas because many physical therapists cluster in highly populated urban and suburban areas.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## Employers by Number of Job Openings

This section shows the employers with the highest number of job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020 (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Employer Name	Job Openings
1	HealthPRO / Heritage	<u>17</u>
2	CHRISTUS Health	<u>4</u>
3	Kindred Healthcare, LLC	<u>3</u>
4	Lagniappe Homecare	<u>3</u>
5	East Jefferson General Hospital	<u>2</u>
6	Ochsner Health System	<u>2</u>

Rank	Employer Name	Job Openings
7	Alliance Physical Therapy Partners	<u>1</u>
8	Amedisys, Inc.	<u>1</u>
9	Genesis HealthCare	<u>1</u>
10	Highland Place Rehab & Nursing Center	<u>1</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

## Advertised Job Skills

This section shows the top advertised detailed job skills found in job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Detailed Job Skill	Advertised Skill Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Maintains records	Technical Writer Skills	<u>14</u>
2	Program planning	Human and Social Services Skills	<u>14</u>
3	Interpersonal skills	Interpersonal Skills	<u>8</u>
4	Problem solving	Basic Skills	<u>6</u>
5	Risk management	Risk Analyst Skills	<u>6</u>
6	Organizational skills	Basic Skills	<u>4</u>
7	Customer service	Customer Service Skills	<u>3</u>
8	Able to work under pressure	Basic Skills	<u>2</u>
9	Communicate with patients	Physician Skills	<u>2</u>
10	Work independently	Basic Skills	<u>1</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

## Advertised Tools and Technology

This section shows the top advertised detailed tools and technologies found in job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Detailed Tool or Technology	Advertised Tool and Technology Group	Job Opening Match Count
1	Dollies	Dollies	<u>4</u>
2	Keyboard	Keyboards	<u>4</u>
3	Cold packs	Therapeutic Heating/Cooling Pads/Compresses or Packs	<u>1</u>
4	Personal Computer (PC)	Personal Computers	<u>1</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

## Typical Job Skills

This section shows the job skills that are related to Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	Typical Job Skills	Typical Skill Category
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Rank	Typical Job Skills	Typical Skill Category
1	Encourage patients during therapeutic activities	Interacting With Others
2	Engage patients in exercises or activities	Interacting With Others
3	Communicate patient status to other health practitioners	Interacting With Others
4	Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments	Information Input
5	Prepare medical reports or documents	Work Output
6	Hold patients to ensure proper positioning or safety	Interacting With Others
7	Confer with other professionals to plan patient care	Interacting With Others
8	Administer therapy treatments to patients using hands or physical treatment aids	Interacting With Others
9	Adjust positions of patients on beds or tables	Interacting With Others
10	Move patients to or from treatment areas	Work Output
11	Clean patient rooms or patient treatment rooms	Work Output
12	Teach medical procedures or medical equipment use to patients	Interacting With Others
13	Assess physical conditions of patients to aid in diagnosis or treatment	Mental Processes
14	Monitor medical equipment to ensure proper functioning	Information Input
15	Prepare medical instruments or equipment for use	Work Output
16	Prepare patient treatment areas for use	Work Output
17	Administer basic health care or medical treatments	Interacting With Others
18	Assist patients with daily activities	Interacting With Others
19	Attend educational events to update medical knowledge	Mental Processes
20	Teach medical procedures to healthcare personnel	Interacting With Others
21	Fit patients for assistive devices	Interacting With Others
22	Inventory medical supplies or equipment	Interacting With Others
23	Perform clerical work in medical settings	Interacting With Others

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### Personal Skills

This section shows the personal skills that are most useful for Physical Therapist Assistants. Click on a link in the Personal Skills column to view more detailed information.

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<b>Personal Skill</b>	<b>Skill Description</b>	<b>Rank by Importance (Out of 100)</b>
<u>Active Listening</u>	Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times.	75
<u>Speaking</u>	Talking to others to convey information effectively.	69
<u>Monitoring</u>	Monitoring/Assessing performance of yourself, other individuals, or organizations to make improvements or take corrective action.	69
<u>Social Perceptiveness</u>	Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do.	69
<u>Service Orientation</u>	Actively looking for ways to help people.	56
<u>Writing</u>	Communicating effectively in writing as appropriate for the needs of the audience.	56
<u>Reading Comprehension</u>	Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents.	56
<u>Critical Thinking</u>	Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.	56
<u>Active Learning</u>	Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem-solving and decision-making.	56
<u>Complex Problem Solving</u>	Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions.	53
<u>Coordination</u>	Adjusting actions in relation to others' actions.	53
<u>Instructing</u>	Teaching others how to do something.	53
<u>Judgment and Decision Making</u>	Considering the relative costs and benefits of potential actions to choose the most appropriate one.	53
<u>Time Management</u>	Managing one's own time and the time of others.	50
<u>Persuasion</u>	Persuading others to change their minds or behavior.	50
<u>Learning Strategies</u>	Selecting and using training/instructional methods and procedures appropriate for the situation when learning or teaching new things.	47
<u>Systems Analysis</u>	Determining how a system should work and how changes in conditions, operations, and the environment will affect outcomes.	44
<u>Systems Evaluation</u>	Identifying measures or indicators of system performance and the actions needed to improve or correct performance, relative to the goals of the system.	44
<u>Operation Monitoring</u>	Watching gauges, dials, or other indicators to make sure a machine is working properly.	44

Personal Skill	Skill Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Quality Control Analysis</u>	Conducting tests and inspections of products, services, or processes to evaluate quality or performance.	41
<u>Management of Personnel Resources</u>	Motivating, developing, and directing people as they work, identifying the best people for the job.	41
<u>Science</u>	Using scientific rules and methods to solve problems.	35
<u>Mathematics</u>	Using mathematics to solve problems.	31
<u>Negotiation</u>	Bringing others together and trying to reconcile differences.	31
<u>Operation and Control</u>	Controlling operations of equipment or systems.	28
<u>Troubleshooting</u>	Determining causes of operating errors and deciding what to do about it.	28
<u>Equipment Selection</u>	Determining the kind of tools and equipment needed to do a job.	28
<u>Management of Financial Resources</u>	Determining how money will be spent to get the work done, and accounting for these expenditures.	22
<u>Management of Material Resources</u>	Obtaining and seeing to the appropriate use of equipment, facilities, and materials needed to do certain work.	22
<u>Operations Analysis</u>	Analyzing needs and product requirements to create a design.	22
<u>Technology Design</u>	Generating or adapting equipment and technology to serve user needs.	22
<u>Programming</u>	Writing computer programs for various purposes.	19
<u>Equipment Maintenance</u>	Performing routine maintenance on equipment and determining when and what kind of maintenance is needed.	19
<u>Repairing</u>	Repairing machines or systems using the needed tools.	16
<u>Installation</u>	Installing equipment, machines, wiring, or programs to meet specifications.	0

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## Typical Education Requirements

**Physical Therapist Assistants** Physical Therapist Assistants usually require at least an Associate's degree. However, not all employers may make this a hiring requirement.

Source: This information is based on the BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH).

## Required Level of Education

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common required level of education for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	Required Level of Education	Percentage of Respondents
1	Associate's Degree (or other 2-year degree)	84.16%
2	Bachelor's Degree	14.88%
3	First Professional Degree - awarded for completion of a program that: requires at least 2 years of college work before entrance into the program, includes a total of at least 6 academic years of work to complete, and provides all remaining academic requirements to begin practice in a profession.	0.97%

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## On The Job Training

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common lengths of on the job training for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	On The Job Training	Percentage of Respondents
1	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	25.49%
2	Anything beyond short demonstration, up to and including 1 month	22.04%
3	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	18.32%
4	None or short demonstration	15.93%
5	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	15.84%
6	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	2.39%

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## On-Site or In-Plant Training

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common lengths of on-site or in-plant training for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	On-Site or In-Plant Training	Percentage of Respondents
1	Up to and including 1 month	37.25%
2	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	25.49%
3	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	18.43%
4	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	14.88%
5	None	2.02%
6	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	1.93%

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## Education Level of Jobs and Candidates

This section shows the minimum level of education requested by employers on job openings advertised online, as well as the educational attainment of potential candidates in the workforce


system that are looking for jobs as Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020. There were 49 job openings advertised online that did not specify a minimum education requirement (Jobs De-duplication Level 2).

Rank	Education Level	Job Openings	Percentage of Job Openings	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	Less than High School	0	N/A	3	5.26%
2	High School Diploma or Equivalent	<u>1</u>	1.92%	13	22.81%
3	1 Year of College or a Technical or Vocational School	0	N/A	6	10.53%
4	2 Years of College or a Technical or Vocational School	0	N/A	1	1.75%
5	3 Years of College or a Technical or Vocational School	0	N/A	3	5.26%
6	Vocational School Certificate	0	N/A	5	8.77%
7	Associate's Degree	<u>2</u>	3.85%	15	26.32%
8	Bachelor's Degree	0	N/A	10	17.54%
9	Master's Degree	0	N/A	1	1.75%
10	Not Specified	<u>49</u>	94.23%	0	N/A

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data  
Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

## Education Training Programs


This section shows the Education Training Programs for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana.

Provider Name	Program Name	Location	Tuition	Length	WIOA Eligible
<u>Bossier Parish Community College</u>	<u>Physical Therapist Assistant - Associate of Applied Science</u> An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A license recognized by the State involved or the Federal Government, An associate degree, Employment, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	Bossier City, LA	\$7,942	4 Semesters	

Provider Name	Program Name	Location	Tuition	Length	WIOA Eligible
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	Metairie, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	



Provider Name	Program Name	Location	Tuition	Length	WIOA Eligible
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	Avondale, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Certified Physical Therapy Aide (Voucher Included)</a> . An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A community college certificate of completion, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$1,995	9 Months	

Provider Name	Program Name	Location	Tuition	Length	WIOA Eligible
<a href="#">Delgado Community College</a>	<a href="#">Physical Therapist Assistant Program</a> An industry-recognized certificate or certification, A license recognized by the State involved or the Federal Government, An associate degree, Employment, A measurable skills gain leading to a credential, A measurable skills gain leading to employment	New Orleans, LA	\$7,414	3 Semesters	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Midyear Estimates

Advertised Job Certifications

This section shows the top advertised certification groups found in job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana in October, 2020. (Jobs De-duplication Level 1)

Rank	Advertised Certification Group	Advertised Certification Sub-Category	Job Opening Match Count
1	American Heart Association (AHA) CPR & First Aid Certifications	Nursing	<u>14</u>

Source: Online advertised jobs data

Training Program Completers

There is no data available for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana.

National Education, Training, Licensing and Qualifications

Physical Therapist Assistants Education and Training

All states require physical therapist assistants to have an associate's degree from an accredited physical therapist assistant program. In 2017, nearly 350 associate's degree programs for physical therapist assistants were accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

Programs typically last about 2 years. Classroom study includes courses in algebra, English, anatomy, physiology, and psychology. Assistants also gain hands-on experience during supervised clinical work. They may earn certifications in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), basic life support (BLS), and other first-aid skills.

Physical therapist aides typically have a high school diploma or the equivalent. They usually gain clinical experience through on-the-job training that can last from about a week to a month. Employers often prefer to hire applicants with computer skills.

Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations

All states require physical therapist assistants to be licensed or certified. Licensure typically requires graduation from an accredited physical therapist assistant program and passing the National

Physical Therapy Exam for physical therapist assistants. The exam is administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Some states require that applicants pass an exam on the state's laws regulating the practice of PTAs, undergo a criminal background check, and be at least 18 years old. Physical therapist assistants also may need to take continuing education courses to keep their license. Check with your state board for specific licensing requirements.

Physical therapist aides are not required to be licensed by state law.

Important Qualities

Compassion. Physical therapist assistants and aides should enjoy helping people. They work with people who are in pain, and they must have empathy to help their patients.

Detail oriented. Like other healthcare professionals, physical therapist assistants and aides should be organized and have a keen eye for detail. They must keep accurate records and follow written and verbal instructions carefully to ensure quality care.

Dexterity. Physical therapist assistants should be comfortable using their hands to provide manual therapy and therapeutic exercises. Aides should also be comfortable working with their hands to set up equipment and prepare treatment areas.

Interpersonal skills. Physical therapist assistants and aides spend much of their time interacting with patients, their families, and other healthcare practitioners; therefore, they should be courteous and friendly.

Physical stamina. Physical therapist assistants and aides are frequently on their feet and moving as they work with their patients. They must often kneel, stoop, bend, and stand for long periods. They should enjoy physical activity.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

Typical Work Experience Requirements

**Physical Therapist Assistants** Employees in these occupations usually need one or two years of training involving both on-the-job experience and informal training with experienced workers. A recognized apprenticeship program may be associated with these occupations.

Source: This information is based on O\*NET™ data. O\*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Related Work Experience

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common related work experience for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	Related Work Experience	Percentage of Respondents
1	None	37.34%
2	Over 6 months, up to and including 1 year	25.02%
3	Over 2 years, up to and including 4 years	15.84%
4	Over 3 months, up to and including 6 months	14.88%
5	Over 1 month, up to and including 3 months	3.56%
6	Over 1 year, up to and including 2 years	3.36%

Source: This information is based on O\*NET™ data. O\*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

## Work Experience of Jobs and Candidates

This section shows the minimum required work experience requested by employers on job openings advertised online, as well as the experience level of potential candidates in the workforce system that are looking for jobs as Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020. There were 49 job openings advertised online that did not specify a minimum experience requirement (Jobs Duplication Level [2](#)).

Rank	Experience	Job Openings	Percentage of Job Openings	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	Not Specified	49	94.23%	0	N/A
2	Entry Level	2	3.85%	0	N/A
3	Less than 1 year	1	1.92%	4	7.02%
4	1 Year to 2 Years	0	N/A	2	3.51%
5	2 Years to 5 Years	0	N/A	7	12.28%
6	5 Years to 10 Years	0	N/A	10	17.54%
7	More than 10 Years	0	N/A	34	59.65%

Job Source: Online advertised jobs data  
Candidate Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

## Current Job Order Wage Information

The employer has NOT indicated a salary range for this job. The information below shows statistics on typical salaries in the local labor market for Physical Therapist Assistants. This data is NOT an indication of what this employer is willing to pay for this job.

## Employment Wage Statistics

This section shows the estimated employment wage statistics for individuals in Louisiana employed for Physical Therapist Assistants in 2019.

Rate Type / Statistical Type	Entry level	Median	Experienced
Annual wage or salary	\$24,388	\$54,873	\$85,038
Hourly wage	\$11.72	\$26.38	\$40.88

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program  
The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Entry level and Experienced wage rates represent the means of the lower 1/3 and upper 2/3 of the wage distribution, respectively. Data is from an annual survey.

## Wage Rates on Advertised Jobs

This section shows a statistical breakdown of available wage data on the [52](#) job openings advertised online for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana that posted a salary on November 23, 2020.

Rate Type / Statistical Type	Entry Level	Median	Experienced
Annual wage or salary	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hourly Wage	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Online advertised jobs data  
Note: This information is based on actual job orders and is not based on a statistically valid labor

market survey. Hourly wage rate calculations in this section assume a 40 hour work week.

## Desired Salary of Available Candidates

This section shows the desired salary of potential candidates in the workforce system that are looking for jobs as Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana on November 23, 2020.

Rank	Desired Salary	Potential Candidates	Percentage of Potential Candidates
1	Not Specified	11	19.30%
2	\$5,000 - \$19,999	3	5.26%
3	\$20,000 - \$34,999	20	35.09%
4	\$35,000 - \$49,999	3	5.26%
5	\$50,000 - \$64,999	9	15.79%
6	\$65,000 - \$79,999	8	14.04%
7	\$80,000 - \$94,999	2	3.51%
8	\$95,000 or more	1	1.75%

Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.

## Wage Rates Area Distribution

There is no data available for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana.

## Wage Rates in Related Occupations

This section shows a comparison of 2019 median annual rates for occupations that are in the same occupational family as Physical Therapist Assistants for Louisiana.

Rank	Occupation	Median	*Related By
1	<a href="#">Radiation Therapists</a> 🌟	\$70,724	O*NET
2	<a href="#">Registered Nurses</a> 🌟	\$64,044	O*NET
3	<a href="#">Acute Care Nurses</a> 🌟	\$64,044	O*NET
4	<a href="#">Critical Care Nurses</a> 🌟	\$64,044	O*NET
5	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy Assistants</a> 🌟	\$60,548	O*NET
6	Physical Therapist Assistants🌟	\$54,873	N/A
7	<a href="#">Respiratory Therapists</a> 🌟	\$54,660	O*NET
8	<a href="#">Radiologic Technologists</a> 🌟	\$51,720	O*NET
9	<a href="#">Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</a>	\$49,218	O*NET
10	<a href="#">Athletic Trainers</a> 🌟	\$44,627	O*NET
11	<a href="#">Surgical Technologists</a> 🌟	\$40,492	O*NET
12	<a href="#">Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</a> 🌟	\$40,065	O*NET
13	<a href="#">Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</a> 🌟	\$37,253	O*NET
14	<a href="#">Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</a> 🌟	\$35,912	O*NET
15	<a href="#">Pharmacy Technicians</a> 🌟	\$33,109	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Median	*Related By
16	<u>Opticians, Dispensing</u> 🌟	\$31,270	O*NET
17	<u>Medical Assistants</u> 🌟	\$29,530	O*NET
18	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> 🌟	\$29,210	O*NET
19	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> 🌟	\$28,839	O*NET
20	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> 🌟	\$26,839	O*NET
21	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> 🌟	\$26,817	O*NET
22	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> 🌟	\$21,512	SOC4
23	<u>Massage Therapists</u> 🌟	\$20,527	O*NET

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Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics Program  
The median wage is the estimated 50th percentile; 50 percent of workers in an occupation earn less than the median wage, and 50 percent earn more than the median wage. Entry level and Experienced wage rates represent the means of the lower 1/3 and upper 2/3 of the wage distribution, respectively. Data is from an annual survey.  
\*Related By: O\*NET™ - The Occupational Information Network. O\*NET is a registered trademark of the US Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration.  
SOC4 - Occupational grouping based on 1st 4 digits of the Standard Occupational Classification system.

## Wage Rates by Industry

There is no data available for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana.

## National Earnings Data Summary

**Physical Therapist Assistants** The median annual wage for physical therapist assistants was \$56,610 in May 2016. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$34,640, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$79,040.

In May 2016, the median annual wages for physical therapist aides in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) \$28,630
- Hospitals; state, local, and private 28,620
- Offices of physicians 26,810
- Government 26,770
- Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 24,160

In May 2016, the median annual wages for physical therapist assistants in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) \$65,240
- Home healthcare services 63,030
- Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 54,840
- Hospitals; state, local, and private 54,490
- Offices of physicians 53,120

Most physical therapist assistants and aides work full time. Some night and weekend work may be required because many physical therapy offices and clinics have extended hours to accommodate patients' schedules.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Occupational Employment & Future Employment Outlook

This section shows the long term employment projections for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana from 2016-2026.

Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	2026 Projected Employment	Total 2016- 2026 Employment Change	2016-2026 Annual Avg. Percent Change
Physical Therapist Assistants	1,443	1,786	343	2.16%
Total All	2,034,986	2,203,144	168,158	0.80%

Source: Occupational Employment Projections

## Employment Data Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of the 2016 estimated employment for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana by regional labor market area.

Rank	Area	2016 Estimated Employment
1	<u>1st Regional Labor Market Area, New Orleans</u>	388
2	<u>2nd Regional Labor Market Area, Baton Rouge</u>	306
3	<u>4th Regional Labor Market Area, Lafayette</u>	214
4	<u>7th Regional Labor Market Area, Shreveport</u>	202
5	<u>8th Regional Labor Market Area, Monroe</u>	113
6	<u>5th Regional Labor Market Area, Lake Charles</u>	87
7	<u>6th Regional Labor Market Area, Alexandria</u>	76
8	<u>3rd Regional Labor Market Area, Houma</u>	56

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Projections Program

## Employment Data in Related Occupations

This section shows the 2016 Estimated Employment in Louisiana for occupations related to Physical Therapist Assistants.

Rank	Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	*Related By
1	<u>Acute Care Nurses</u> 🌟	44,616	O*NET
2	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> 🌟	44,616	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	2016 Estimated Employment	*Related By
3	<u>Registered Nurses</u> 🌟	44,616	O*NET
4	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> 🌟	35,012	O*NET
5	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> 🌟	21,051	O*NET
6	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> 🌟	6,182	O*NET
7	<u>Medical Assistants</u> 🌟	5,665	O*NET
8	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> 🌟	3,548	O*NET
9	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> 🌟	3,212	O*NET
10	<u>Radiologic Technologists</u> 🌟	2,806	O*NET
11	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> 🌟	2,283	O*NET
12	<u>Surgical Technologists</u> 🌟	2,124	O*NET
13	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> 🌟	1,942	O*NET
14	<u>Physical Therapist Assistants</u> 🌟	1,443	SOC4
15	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> 🌟	1,315	O*NET
16	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> 🌟	1,263	O*NET
17	<u>Opticians, Dispensing</u> 🌟	1,243	O*NET
18	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> 🌟	1,158	SOC4
19	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	1,008	O*NET
20	<u>Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</u> 🌟	957	O*NET
21	<u>Massage Therapists</u> 🌟	697	O*NET
22	<u>Occupational Therapy Assistants</u> 🌟	620	O*NET
23	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	519	O*NET
24	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> 🌟	407	O*NET
25	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> 🌟	190	O*NET
26	<u>Respiratory Therapists</u> 🌟	188	O*NET
*	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> 🌟	Confidential	O*NET

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\* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Occupational Employment Projections

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SOC4 - Occupational grouping based on 1st 4 digits of the Standard Occupational Classification system.

Projected Annual Openings

This section shows the long term projected annual openings for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana from 2016 to 2026.

Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	Annual Average Openings Due to Growth	Annual Average Openings Due to Replacement



Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	Annual Average Openings Due to Growth	Annual Average Openings Due to Replacement
Physical Therapist Assistants	N/A	N/A	N/A
Healthcare Support	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Projections Program

### Projected Annual Openings Area Distribution

This section shows the distribution of the total annual average openings for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana by regional labor market area from 2016 to 2026.

Rank	Area	Total Annual Average Openings	
1	<a href="#">1st Regional Labor Market Area, New Orleans</a>	N/A	There is no total annual average openings data available for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana.
2	<a href="#">2nd Regional Labor Market Area, Baton Rouge</a>	N/A	
3	<a href="#">3rd Regional Labor Market Area, Houma</a>	N/A	
4	<a href="#">4th Regional Labor Market Area, Lafayette</a>	N/A	
5	<a href="#">5th Regional Labor Market Area, Lake Charles</a>	N/A	
6	<a href="#">6th Regional Labor Market Area, Alexandria</a>	N/A	
7	<a href="#">7th Regional Labor Market Area, Shreveport</a>	N/A	
8	<a href="#">8th Regional Labor Market Area, Monroe</a>	N/A	

Source: Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Projections Program

### Projected Annual Openings in Related Occupations

This section shows the projected total annual average openings in Louisiana for occupations related to Physical Therapist Assistants from 2016 to 2026.

Rank	Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	*Related By
1	<a href="#">Acute Care Nurses</a> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
2	<a href="#">Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</a> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
3	<a href="#">Critical Care Nurses</a> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
4	<a href="#">Dental Hygienists</a> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
5	<a href="#">Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</a> 🌟	N/A	O*NET

Rank	Occupation	Total Annual Average Openings	*Related By
6	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
7	<u>Massage Therapists</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
8	<u>Medical Assistants</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
9	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
10	<u>Occupational Therapy Assistants</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
11	<u>Opticians, Dispensing</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
12	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
13	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
14	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	SOC4
15	Physical Therapist Assistants 🌟	N/A	SOC4
16	<u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
17	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
18	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
19	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
20	<u>Radiologic Technologists</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
21	<u>Registered Nurses</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
22	<u>Respiratory Therapists</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
23	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	N/A	O*NET
24	<u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
25	<u>Surgical Technologists</u> 🌟	N/A	O*NET
26	<u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u>	N/A	O*NET
*	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> 🌟	Confidential	O*NET

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\* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Occupational Employment Projections

## Industries by Employment

This section shows the industries that employed the highest number of Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana in 2016.

Rank	Industry Title	Estimated Employment	Percent of Total Employment
1	<u>Ambulatory Health Care Services</u>	1,071	74.22%
2	<u>Hospitals</u>	282	19.54%
3	<u>Nursing and Residential Care Facilities</u>	37	2.56%
*	<u>Self-Employed and Unpaid Family Workers, Primary Job</u>	Confidential	Confidential
*	<u>Administrative and Support Services</u>	Confidential	Confidential

\* Rank is suppressed for confidential data.

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, Occupational Projections Program

# Work Activities

This section shows the most common work activities required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Work Activity column to view more detailed information.

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<a href="#">Assisting and Caring for Others</a>	Providing personal assistance, medical attention, emotional support, or other personal care to others such as coworkers, customers, or patients.	100
<a href="#">Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates</a>	Providing information to supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, in written form, e-mail, or in person.	98
<a href="#">Documenting/Recording Information</a>	Entering, transcribing, recording, storing, or maintaining information in written or electronic/magnetic form.	95
<a href="#">Performing General Physical Activities</a>	Performing physical activities that require considerable use of your arms and legs and moving your whole body, such as climbing, lifting, balancing, walking, stooping, and handling of materials.	92
<a href="#">Identifying Objects, Actions, and Events</a>	Identifying information by categorizing, estimating, recognizing differences or similarities, and detecting changes in circumstances or events.	91
<a href="#">Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships</a>	Developing constructive and cooperative working relationships with others, and maintaining them over time.	91
<a href="#">Performing for or Working Directly with the Public</a>	Performing for people or dealing directly with the public. This includes serving customers in restaurants and stores, and receiving clients or guests.	87
<a href="#">Updating and Using Relevant Knowledge</a>	Keeping up-to-date technically and applying new knowledge to your job.	82
<a href="#">Evaluating Information to Determine Compliance with Standards</a>	Using relevant information and individual judgment to determine whether events or processes comply with laws, regulations, or standards.	81
<a href="#">Getting Information</a>	Observing, receiving, and otherwise obtaining information from all relevant sources.	80
<a href="#">Interacting With Computers</a>	Using computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to program, write software, set up functions, enter data, or process information.	79
<a href="#">Making Decisions and Solving Problems</a>	Analyzing information and evaluating results to choose the best solution and solve problems.	78
<a href="#">Developing and Building Teams</a>	Encouraging and building mutual trust, respect, and cooperation among team members.	68

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Handling and Moving Objects</u>	Using hands and arms in handling, installing, positioning, and moving materials, and manipulating things.	67
<u>Organizing, Planning, and Prioritizing Work</u>	Developing specific goals and plans to prioritize, organize, and accomplish your work.	67
<u>Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings</u>	Monitoring and reviewing information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.	65
<u>Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material</u>	Inspecting equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.	64
<u>Thinking Creatively</u>	Developing, designing, or creating new applications, ideas, relationships, systems, or products, including artistic contributions.	63
<u>Interpreting the Meaning of Information for Others</u>	Translating or explaining what information means and how it can be used.	63
<u>Processing Information</u>	Compiling, coding, categorizing, calculating, tabulating, auditing, or verifying information or data.	63
<u>Judging the Qualities of Things, Services, or People</u>	Assessing the value, importance, or quality of things or people.	62
<u>Training and Teaching Others</u>	Identifying the educational needs of others, developing formal educational or training programs or classes, and teaching or instructing others.	60
<u>Communicating with Persons Outside Organization</u>	Communicating with people outside the organization, representing the organization to customers, the public, government, and other external sources. This information can be exchanged in person, in writing, or by telephone or e-mail.	57
<u>Coaching and Developing Others</u>	Identifying the developmental needs of others and coaching, mentoring, or otherwise helping others to improve their knowledge or skills.	56
<u>Analyzing Data or Information</u>	Identifying the underlying principles, reasons, or facts of information by breaking down information or data into separate parts.	54
<u>Scheduling Work and Activities</u>	Scheduling events, programs, and activities, as well as the work of others.	54
<u>Coordinating the Work and Activities of Others</u>	Getting members of a group to work together to accomplish tasks.	54

Work Activity	Work Activity Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Developing Objectives and Strategies</u>	Establishing long-range objectives and specifying the strategies and actions to achieve them.	53
<u>Repairing and Maintaining Electronic Equipment</u>	Servicing, repairing, calibrating, regulating, fine-tuning, or testing machines, devices, and equipment that operate primarily on the basis of electrical or electronic (not mechanical) principles.	49
<u>Provide Consultation and Advice to Others</u>	Providing guidance and expert advice to management or other groups on technical, systems-, or process-related topics.	49
<u>Resolving Conflicts and Negotiating with Others</u>	Handling complaints, settling disputes, and resolving grievances and conflicts, or otherwise negotiating with others.	45
<u>Guiding, Directing, and Motivating Subordinates</u>	Providing guidance and direction to subordinates, including setting performance standards and monitoring performance.	42
<u>Estimating the Quantifiable Characteristics of Products, Events, or Information</u>	Estimating sizes, distances, and quantities; or determining time, costs, resources, or materials needed to perform a work activity.	42
<u>Controlling Machines and Processes</u>	Using either control mechanisms or direct physical activity to operate machines or processes (not including computers or vehicles).	42
<u>Performing Administrative Activities</u>	Performing day-to-day administrative tasks such as maintaining information files and processing paperwork.	39
<u>Drafting, Laying Out, and Specifying Technical Devices, Parts, and Equipment</u>	Providing documentation, detailed instructions, drawings, or specifications to tell others about how devices, parts, equipment, or structures are to be fabricated, constructed, assembled, modified, maintained, or used.	30
<u>Repairing and Maintaining Mechanical Equipment</u>	Servicing, repairing, adjusting, and testing machines, devices, moving parts, and equipment that operate primarily on the basis of mechanical (not electronic) principles.	30
<u>Selling or Influencing Others</u>	Convincing others to buy merchandise/goods or to otherwise change their minds or actions.	30
<u>Operating Vehicles, Mechanized Devices, or Equipment</u>	Running, maneuvering, navigating, or driving vehicles or mechanized equipment, such as forklifts, passenger vehicles, aircraft, or water craft.	29
<u>Monitoring and Controlling Resources</u>	Monitoring and controlling resources and overseeing the spending of money.	26

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## Tasks

This section shows the most common tasks required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Task column to view more detailed information.

Tasks	Task Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<a href="#">Instruct, motivate, safeguard, and assist patients as they practice exercises or functional activities.</a>	Core	97
<a href="#">Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on their responses and progress and provide results to physical therapist in person or through progress notes.</a>	Core	96
<a href="#">Secure patients into or onto therapy equipment.</a>	Core	89
<a href="#">Confer with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, or coordinating treatment.</a>	Core	88
<a href="#">Administer active or passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, aquatic physical therapy, or heat, light, sound, or electrical modality treatments, such as ultrasound.</a>	Core	86
<a href="#">Transport patients to and from treatment areas, lifting and transferring them according to positioning requirements.</a>	Core	86
<a href="#">Clean work area and check and store equipment after treatment.</a>	Core	82
<a href="#">Communicate with or instruct caregivers or family members on patient therapeutic activities or treatment plans.</a>	Core	82
<a href="#">Measure patients' range-of-joint motion, body parts, or vital signs to determine effects of treatments or for patient evaluations.</a>	Core	79
<a href="#">Train patients in the use of orthopedic braces, prostheses, or supportive devices.</a>	Core	79
<a href="#">Monitor operation of equipment and record use of equipment and administration of treatment.</a>	Core	76
<a href="#">Assist patients to dress, undress, or put on and remove supportive devices, such as braces, splints, or slings.</a>	Core	72
<a href="#">Attend or conduct continuing education courses, seminars, or in-service activities.</a>	Core	72
<a href="#">Fit patients for orthopedic braces, prostheses, or supportive devices, such as crutches.</a>	Core	71
<a href="#">Perform postural drainage, percussions, or vibrations or teach deep breathing exercises to treat respiratory conditions.</a>	Core	64

Tasks	Task Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Perform clerical duties, such as taking inventory,, ordering supplies, answering telephone, taking messages, or filling out forms.</u>	Core	52
<u>Prepare treatment areas and electrotherapy equipment for use by physiotherapists.</u>	Supplemental	73
<u>Administer traction to relieve neck or back pain, using intermittent or static traction equipment.</u>	Supplemental	72

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## National Working Conditions

**Physical Therapist Assistants** Physical therapist assistants give therapy through exercise, stretching, and other interventions.

Physical therapist aides held about 52,000 jobs in 2016. The largest employers of physical therapist aides were as follows:

- Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 56%
- Hospitals; state, local, and private 23
- Offices of physicians 7
- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 5
- Government 3

Physical therapist assistants held about 88,300 jobs in 2016. The largest employers of physical therapist assistants were as follows:

- Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists 45%
- Hospitals; state, local, and private 23
- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities) 11
- Home healthcare services 8
- Offices of physicians 5

Physical therapist assistants and aides are frequently on their feet and moving as they set up equipment and help and treat patients. Because they must often lift and move patients, they are vulnerable to back injuries. Assistants and aides can limit these risks by using proper techniques when they assist patients.

### Work Schedules

Most physical therapist assistants and aides work full time. Some night and weekend work may be required because many physical therapy offices and clinics have extended hours to accommodate patients' schedules.

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics](#)

## Typical Work Conditions

This section shows the most common work conditions required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance.

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Physical Proximity	To what extent does this job require the worker to perform job tasks in close physical proximity to other people?	99
Contact With Others	How much does this job require the worker to be in contact with others (face-to-face, by telephone, or otherwise) in order to perform it?	99
Indoors, Environmentally Controlled	How often does this job require working indoors in environmentally controlled conditions?	99
Face-to-Face Discussions	How often do you have to have face-to-face discussions with individuals or teams in this job?	98
Frequency of Decision Making	How frequently is the worker required to make decisions that affect other people, the financial resources, and/or the image and reputation of the organization?	98
Work With Work Group or Team	How important is it to work with others in a group or team in this job?	91
Impact of Decisions on Co-workers or Company Results	What results do your decisions usually have on other people or the image or reputation or financial resources of your employer?	90
Structured versus Unstructured Work	To what extent is this job structured for the worker, rather than allowing the worker to determine tasks, priorities, and goals?	87
Exposed to Disease or Infections	How often does this job require exposure to disease/infections?	83
Telephone	How often do you have telephone conversations in this job?	82
Coordinate or Lead Others	How important is it to coordinate or lead others in accomplishing work activities in this job?	78
Deal With External Customers	How important is it to work with external customers or the public in this job?	77
Freedom to Make Decisions	How much decision making freedom, without supervision, does the job offer?	73
Consequence of Error	How serious would the result usually be if the worker made a mistake that was not readily correctable?	71
Spend Time Standing	How much does this job require standing?	71
Spend Time Making Repetitive Motions	How much does this job require making repetitive motions?	65
Spend Time Bending or Twisting the Body	How much does this job require bending or twisting your body?	65



Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Spend Time Using Your Hands to Handle, Control, or Feel Objects, Tools, or Controls	How much does this job require using your hands to handle, control, or feel objects, tools or controls?	64
Wear Common Protective or Safety Equipment such as Safety Shoes, Glasses, Gloves, Hearing Protection, Hard Hats, or Life Jackets	How much does this job require wearing common protective or safety equipment such as safety shoes, glasses, gloves, hard hats or life jackets?	64
Time Pressure	How often does this job require the worker to meet strict deadlines?	63
Deal With Unpleasant or Angry People	How frequently does the worker have to deal with unpleasant, angry, or discourteous individuals as part of the job requirements?	59
Importance of Being Exact or Accurate	How important is being very exact or highly accurate in performing this job?	59
Spend Time Walking and Running	How much does this job require walking and running?	57
Frequency of Conflict Situations	How often are there conflict situations the employee has to face in this job?	56
Letters and Memos	How often does the job require written letters and memos?	55
Importance of Repeating Same Tasks	How important is repeating the same physical activities (e.g., key entry) or mental activities (e.g., checking entries in a ledger) over and over, without stopping, to performing this job?	55
Responsible for Others' Health and Safety	How much responsibility is there for the health and safety of others in this job?	50
Electronic Mail	How often do you use electronic mail in this job?	47
Exposed to Contaminants	How often does this job require working exposed to contaminants (such as pollutants, gases, dust or odors)?	45
Level of Competition	To what extent does this job require the worker to compete or to be aware of competitive pressures?	37
Public Speaking	How often do you have to perform public speaking in this job?	37
Responsibility for Outcomes and Results	How responsible is the worker for work outcomes and results of other workers?	37
Spend Time Kneeling, Crouching, Stooping, or Crawling	How much does this job require kneeling, crouching, stooping or crawling?	33
Spend Time Sitting	How much does this job require sitting?	31

Work Condition	Work Condition Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Deal With Physically Aggressive People	How frequently does this job require the worker to deal with physical aggression of violent individuals?	29
Cramped Work Space, Awkward Positions	How often does this job require working in cramped work spaces that requires getting into awkward positions?	28
Sounds, Noise Levels Are Distracting or Uncomfortable	How often does this job require working exposed to sounds and noise levels that are distracting or uncomfortable?	24
Exposed to Minor Burns, Cuts, Bites, or Stings	How often does this job require exposure to minor burns, cuts, bites, or stings?	21
Spend Time Keeping or Regaining Balance	How much does this job require keeping or regaining your balance?	20
Exposed to Hazardous Conditions	How often does this job require exposure to hazardous conditions?	19

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## Work Values and Needs

This section shows the information on the current work values for your selected occupation.

Work Value	Work Value Description	Rank By Extent (Out of 100)
Relationships	Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment. Corresponding needs are Co-workers, Moral Values and Social Service.	95
Working Conditions	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer job security and good working conditions. Corresponding needs are Activity, Compensation, Independence, Security, Variety and Working Conditions.	67
Support	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer supportive management that stands behind employees. Corresponding needs are Company Policies, Supervision: Human Relations and Supervision: Technical.	67
Achievement	Occupations that satisfy this work value are results oriented and allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment. Corresponding needs are Ability Utilization and Achievement.	61
Independence	Occupations that satisfy this work value allow employees to work on their own and make decisions. Corresponding needs are Creativity, Responsibility and Autonomy.	61

Work Value	Work Value Description	Rank By Extent (Out of 100)
Recognition	Occupations that satisfy this work value offer advancement, potential for leadership, and are often considered prestigious. Corresponding needs are Advancement, Authority, Recognition and Social Status.	39

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## Typical Tools

This section shows common tools used by Physical Therapist Assistants.

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
Slings	Arm orthopedic softgoods
Automated external defibrillators AED	Automated external defibrillators AED or hard paddles
Back braces	Back or lumbar or sacral orthopedic softgoods
Sacro-illiac joint lumbar corsets	Back or lumbar or sacral orthopedic softgoods
Balance beams	Balance beams or boards or bolsters or rockers for rehabilitation or therapy
Balance boards	Balance beams or boards or bolsters or rockers for rehabilitation or therapy
Blood pressure cuffs	Blood pressure cuff kits
Quad canes	Canes or cane accessories
Single point canes	Canes or cane accessories
Cardiac monitors	Cardiac output CO monitoring units or accessories
Mechanical percussors	Chest percussors
Continuous passive motion CPM equipment	Continuous passive motion CPM devices or accessories
Crutches	Crutches or crutch accessories
Desktop computers	Desktop computers
Digital video cameras	Digital camcorders or video cameras
Digital cameras	Digital cameras
Muscle strength dynamometers	Dynamometers
Massage equipment	Electric vibrators for rehabilitation or therapy
Electromyographs EMG	Electromyography EMG units or accessories
Interferential electrical stimulation machines	Electrotherapy combination units
Iontophoresis equipment	Electrotherapy combination units
Ergometers	Ergometer
Exercise trampolines	Exercise trampolines
Hydrotherapy pools	Full body immersion hydrotherapy baths or tanks
Whirlpool therapy baths	Full body immersion hydrotherapy baths or tanks
Gait belts	Gait belts for rehabilitation or therapy

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
High-voltage Galvanic stimulation machines	Galvanic or faradic stimulators
Safety goggles	Goggles
Goniometers	Goniometers
Cervical traction equipment	Head or neck traction supplies
Lavage hydrotherapy equipment	Hydrotherapy bath or tank accessories
Knee braces	Knee brace or support
Lower-body isokinetic machines	Lower body resistance machines
Above-the-knee prosthetics	Lower extremity prosthetic devices
Below-the-knee prosthetics	Lower extremity prosthetic devices
Hi-lo manipulation tables	Mats or platforms for rehabilitation or therapy
Mechanical stethoscopes	Medical acoustic stethoscope or accessory
Medical nasal cannulae	Medical nasal cannulae
Protective gowns	Medical staff isolation or cover gown
Surgical masks	Medical staff isolation or surgical masks
Functional electrical stimulation FES equipment	Neuromuscular stimulators or kits
Notebook computers	Notebook computers
Splints	Orthopedic splint systems
Wrist splints	Orthopedic splint systems
Ankle-foot orthotics	Orthotics or foot care products
Portable oxygen equipment	Oxygen therapy delivery system products accessories or its supplies
Parallel bars	Parallel bars for rehabilitation or therapy
Rotating bed	Patient care beds or accessories for specialty care
Standing cages	Patient care beds or accessories for specialty care
Standing tables	Patient care beds or accessories for specialty care
Tilt tables	Patient care beds or accessories for specialty care
Posture grids	Patient height rulers
Hoyer lifts	Patient lifts or accessories
Total lift chairs	Patient lifts or accessories
Sliding boards	Patient shifting boards or accessories
Stretchers	Patient stretchers or stretcher accessories
Stationary bicycles	Pedal exercisers for rehabilitation or therapy
Pelvic traction equipment	Pelvis or back traction supplies
Personal computers	Personal computers
Inclinometers	Physiological recorders
Plumb lines	Plumb bobs
Patient positioning devices	Positioning devices
Powder boards	Powder boards for rehabilitation or therapy
Safety gloves	Protective gloves

Detailed Tool	Tool Group
Pulse oximeters	Pulse oximeter units
Reachers	Reachers for the physically challenged
Reflex hammers	Reflex hammers or mallets
Resistive exercise bands	Resistive exercise bands or putty or tubing or accessories for rehabilitation or therapy
Short wave diathermy devices	Short wave diathermy units
Body-fat calipers	Skinfold calipers
Tablet computers	Tablet computers
Medicine balls	Therapeutic balls or accessories
Swiss exercise balls	Therapeutic balls or accessories
Cold packs	Therapeutic heating or cooling pads or compresses or packs
Therapeutic hot packs	Therapeutic heating or cooling pads or compresses or packs
Paraffin baths	Therapeutic paraffin baths or accessories
Transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation TENS equipment	Transcutaneous electric nerve stimulation units
Therapeutic treadmill exercisers	Treadmill exercisers for rehabilitation or therapy
Ultrasound machines	Ultrasonic therapy apparatus or supplies
Ultraviolet UV phototherapy lamps	Ultraviolet UV lamps
Upper-body isokinetic machines	Upper body resistance machines
Arm prosthetics	Upper extremity prosthetic devices
Intermittent compression units	Vascular sequential compression devices or tubing
Sequential compression devices	Vascular sequential compression devices or tubing
Front-wheel walkers	Walkers or rollators
Hemi walkers	Walkers or rollators
Pick-up walkers	Walkers or rollators
Platform walkers	Walkers or rollators
Reciprocating walkers	Walkers or rollators
Free weights	Weights or sets or accessories for rehabilitation or therapy
Wheelchairs	Wheelchairs
Hand grips	Wrist exercisers for rehabilitation or therapy

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## Typical Technology

This section shows common technology used by Physical Therapist Assistants.

Detailed Technology	Technology Group
Accounting software	Accounting software
Billing software	Accounting software
Bookkeeping software	Accounting software

Detailed Technology	Technology Group
Video game software	Action games
Virtual reality game software	Action games
Scheduling software	Calendar and scheduling software
SpectraSoft AppointmentsPRO	Calendar and scheduling software
dBASE	Data base user interface and query software
FileMaker Pro	Data base user interface and query software
Microsoft Access	Data base user interface and query software
Email software	Electronic mail software
Microsoft Outlook	Electronic mail software
Arena Health Systems Phys-X	Medical software
Beaver Creek Software The THERAPIST	Medical software
BioEx Systems Exercise Pro	Medical software
Client caseload management software	Medical software
Eazy Application Systems QuickEMR	Medical software
Knees Software PT DocTools	Medical software
Laboratory information system LIS	Medical software
Medical condition coding software	Medical software
PhysioTools Tools RG	Medical software
Rehab Documentation Company ReDoc Suite	Medical software
SpectraSoft DocuPRO	Medical software
Summit Software CarePoint	Medical software
TherAssist	Medical software
Microsoft Office	Office suite software
Microsoft Windows	Operating system software
Microsoft PowerPoint	Presentation software
Microsoft Excel	Spreadsheet software
Spreadsheet software	Spreadsheet software
Word processing software	Word processing software

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## Licensing Information

This section shows licenses that may be required for Physical Therapist Assistants in Louisiana. Click on the link for the occupation you're interested in to view more information on how to attain a license.

Licensed Occupation
<a href="#">Physical Therapist (Assistant)</a> .

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, Labor Market Information Program

## Typical Knowledge Categories

This section shows the most common knowledge categories required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Knowledge Category column to view more detailed information.

Knowledge Category	Knowledge Category Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<a href="#">Customer and Personal Service</a>	Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.	88
<a href="#">Therapy and Counseling</a>	Knowledge of principles, methods, and procedures for diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation of physical and mental dysfunctions, and for career counseling and guidance.	81
<a href="#">English Language</a>	Knowledge of the structure and content of the English language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.	80
<a href="#">Psychology</a>	Knowledge of human behavior and performance; individual differences in ability, personality, and interests; learning and motivation; psychological research methods; and the assessment and treatment of behavioral and affective disorders.	66
<a href="#">Medicine and Dentistry</a>	Knowledge of the information and techniques needed to diagnose and treat human injuries, diseases, and deformities. This includes symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions, and preventive health-care measures.	63
<a href="#">Computers and Electronics</a>	Knowledge of circuit boards, processors, chips, electronic equipment, and computer hardware and software, including applications and programming.	61
<a href="#">Biology</a>	Knowledge of plant and animal organisms, their tissues, cells, functions, interdependencies, and interactions with each other and the environment.	60
<a href="#">Clerical</a>	Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing, managing files and records, stenography and transcription, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology.	49
<a href="#">Public Safety and Security</a>	Knowledge of relevant equipment, policies, procedures, and strategies to promote effective local, state, or national security operations for the protection of people, data, property, and institutions.	46
<a href="#">Administration and Management</a>	Knowledge of business and management principles involved in strategic planning, resource allocation, human resources modeling, leadership technique, production methods, and coordination of people and resources.	40
<a href="#">Law and Government</a>	Knowledge of laws, legal codes, court procedures, precedents, government regulations, executive orders, agency rules, and the democratic political process.	39

Knowledge Category	Knowledge Category Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<a href="#"><u>Sociology and Anthropology</u></a>	Knowledge of group behavior and dynamics, societal trends and influences, human migrations, ethnicity, cultures and their history and origins.	37
<a href="#"><u>Mathematics</u></a>	Knowledge of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, calculus, statistics, and their applications.	36
<a href="#"><u>Physics</u></a>	Knowledge and prediction of physical principles, laws, their interrelationships, and applications to understanding fluid, material, and atmospheric dynamics, and mechanical, electrical, atomic and sub- atomic structures and processes.	35
<a href="#"><u>Personnel and Human Resources</u></a>	Knowledge of principles and procedures for personnel recruitment, selection, training, compensation and benefits, labor relations and negotiation, and personnel information systems.	28
<a href="#"><u>Chemistry</u></a>	Knowledge of the chemical composition, structure, and properties of substances and of the chemical processes and transformations that they undergo. This includes uses of chemicals and their interactions, danger signs, production techniques, and disposal methods.	26
<a href="#"><u>Communications and Media</u></a>	Knowledge of media production, communication, and dissemination techniques and methods. This includes alternative ways to inform and entertain via written, oral, and visual media.	24
<a href="#"><u>Economics and Accounting</u></a>	Knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, the financial markets, banking and the analysis and reporting of financial data.	24
<a href="#"><u>Geography</u></a>	Knowledge of principles and methods for describing the features of land, sea, and air masses, including their physical characteristics, locations, interrelationships, and distribution of plant, animal, and human life.	23
<a href="#"><u>Sales and Marketing</u></a>	Knowledge of principles and methods for showing, promoting, and selling products or services. This includes marketing strategy and tactics, product demonstration, sales techniques, and sales control systems.	21
<a href="#"><u>Foreign Language</u></a>	Knowledge of the structure and content of a foreign (non-English) language including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition and grammar, and pronunciation.	20
<a href="#"><u>Philosophy and Theology</u></a>	Knowledge of different philosophical systems and religions. This includes their basic principles, values, ethics, ways of thinking, customs, practices, and their impact on human culture.	20

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## Typical Work Abilities Required

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common work abilities required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Work Ability column to



view more detailed information.

Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Oral Expression</u>	The ability to communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.	78
<u>Oral Comprehension</u>	The ability to listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences.	75
<u>Speech Clarity</u>	The ability to speak clearly so others can understand you.	72
<u>Speech Recognition</u>	The ability to identify and understand the speech of another person.	72
<u>Near Vision</u>	The ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer).	69
<u>Problem Sensitivity</u>	The ability to tell when something is wrong or is likely to go wrong. It does not involve solving the problem, only recognizing there is a problem.	69
<u>Written Comprehension</u>	The ability to read and understand information and ideas presented in writing.	69
<u>Deductive Reasoning</u>	The ability to apply general rules to specific problems to produce answers that make sense.	56
<u>Inductive Reasoning</u>	The ability to combine pieces of information to form general rules or conclusions (includes finding a relationship among seemingly unrelated events).	56
<u>Selective Attention</u>	The ability to concentrate on a task over a period of time without being distracted.	56
<u>Written Expression</u>	The ability to communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand.	56
<u>Arm-Hand Steadiness</u>	The ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.	53
<u>Information Ordering</u>	The ability to arrange things or actions in a certain order or pattern according to a specific rule or set of rules (e.g., patterns of numbers, letters, words, pictures, mathematical operations).	53
<u>Static Strength</u>	The ability to exert maximum muscle force to lift, push, pull, or carry objects.	53
<u>Category Flexibility</u>	The ability to generate or use different sets of rules for combining or grouping things in different ways.	50
<u>Far Vision</u>	The ability to see details at a distance.	50
<u>Finger Dexterity</u>	The ability to make precisely coordinated movements of the fingers of one or both hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble very small objects.	50
<u>Fluency of Ideas</u>	The ability to come up with a number of ideas about a topic (the number of ideas is important, not their quality, correctness, or creativity).	50
<u>Manual Dexterity</u>	The ability to quickly move your hand, your hand together with your arm, or your two hands to grasp, manipulate, or assemble objects.	50

Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Multilimb Coordination</u>	The ability to coordinate two or more limbs (for example, two arms, two legs, or one leg and one arm) while sitting, standing, or lying down. It does not involve performing the activities while the whole body is in motion.	50
<u>Perceptual Speed</u>	The ability to quickly and accurately compare similarities and differences among sets of letters, numbers, objects, pictures, or patterns. The things to be compared may be presented at the same time or one after the other. This ability also includes comparing a presented object with a remembered object.	50
<u>Trunk Strength</u>	The ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.	50
<u>Visualization</u>	The ability to imagine how something will look after it is moved around or when its parts are moved or rearranged.	50
<u>Extent Flexibility</u>	The ability to bend, stretch, twist, or reach with your body, arms, and/or legs.	47
<u>Time Sharing</u>	The ability to shift back and forth between two or more activities or sources of information (such as speech, sounds, touch, or other sources).	47
<u>Flexibility of Closure</u>	The ability to identify or detect a known pattern (a figure, object, word, or sound) that is hidden in other distracting material.	44
<u>Originality</u>	The ability to come up with unusual or clever ideas about a given topic or situation, or to develop creative ways to solve a problem.	44
<u>Speed of Closure</u>	The ability to quickly make sense of, combine, and organize information into meaningful patterns.	38
<u>Stamina</u>	The ability to exert yourself physically over long periods of time without getting winded or out of breath.	38
<u>Auditory Attention</u>	The ability to focus on a single source of sound in the presence of other distracting sounds.	35
<u>Control Precision</u>	The ability to quickly and repeatedly adjust the controls of a machine or a vehicle to exact positions.	35
<u>Gross Body Coordination</u>	The ability to coordinate the movement of your arms, legs, and torso together when the whole body is in motion.	35
<u>Dynamic Strength</u>	The ability to exert muscle force repeatedly or continuously over time. This involves muscular endurance and resistance to muscle fatigue.	31
<u>Gross Body Equilibrium</u>	The ability to keep or regain your body balance or stay upright when in an unstable position.	28
<u>Hearing Sensitivity</u>	The ability to detect or tell the differences between sounds that vary in pitch and loudness.	28

Work Ability	Work Ability Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Memorization</u>	The ability to remember information such as words, numbers, pictures, and procedures.	28
<u>Visual Color Discrimination</u>	The ability to match or detect differences between colors, including shades of color and brightness.	28
<u>Wrist-Finger Speed</u>	The ability to make fast, simple, repeated movements of the fingers, hands, and wrists.	28
<u>Depth Perception</u>	The ability to judge which of several objects is closer or farther away from you, or to judge the distance between you and an object.	25
<u>Mathematical Reasoning</u>	The ability to choose the right mathematical methods or formulas to solve a problem.	25
<u>Number Facility</u>	The ability to add, subtract, multiply, or divide quickly and correctly.	25
<u>Rate Control</u>	The ability to time your movements or the movement of a piece of equipment in anticipation of changes in the speed and/or direction of a moving object or scene.	25
<u>Reaction Time</u>	The ability to quickly respond (with the hand, finger, or foot) to a signal (sound, light, picture) when it appears.	25
<u>Response Orientation</u>	The ability to choose quickly between two or more movements in response to two or more different signals (lights, sounds, pictures). It includes the speed with which the correct response is started with the hand, foot, or other body part.	19
<u>Speed of Limb Movement</u>	The ability to quickly move the arms and legs.	19
<u>Explosive Strength</u>	The ability to use short bursts of muscle force to propel oneself (as in jumping or sprinting), or to throw an object.	16

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## Typical Work Interests

This section shows the results of a national survey listing the most common work interests for Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance.

Work Interest	Work Interest Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Social	Social occupations frequently involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people. These occupations often involve helping or providing service to others.	95

Work Interest	Work Interest Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
Realistic	Realistic occupations frequently involve work activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions. They often deal with plants, animals, and real-world materials like wood, tools, and machinery. Many of the occupations require working outside, and do not involve a lot of paperwork or working closely with others.	72
Investigative	Investigative occupations frequently involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. These occupations can involve searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.	50
Conventional	Conventional occupations frequently involve following set procedures and routines. These occupations can include working with data and details more than with ideas. Usually there is a clear line of authority to follow.	28

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## Typical Work Styles

This section shows the most common work styles required by Physical Therapist Assistants in order of importance. Click on a link in the Work Style column to view more detailed information.

Work Style	Work Style Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<a href="#">Dependability</a>	Job requires being reliable, responsible, and dependable, and fulfilling obligations.	95
<a href="#">Integrity</a>	Job requires being honest and ethical.	95
<a href="#">Cooperation</a>	Job requires being pleasant with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude.	91
<a href="#">Self Control</a>	Job requires maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations.	90
<a href="#">Concern for Others</a>	Job requires being sensitive to others' needs and feelings and being understanding and helpful on the job.	88
<a href="#">Attention to Detail</a>	Job requires being careful about detail and thorough in completing work tasks.	86
<a href="#">Stress Tolerance</a>	Job requires accepting criticism and dealing calmly and effectively with high stress situations.	84
<a href="#">Initiative</a>	Job requires a willingness to take on responsibilities and challenges.	81
<a href="#">Independence</a>	Job requires developing one's own ways of doing things, guiding oneself with little or no supervision, and depending on oneself to get things done.	80

Work Style	Work Style Description	Rank by Importance (Out of 100)
<u>Social Orientation</u>	Job requires preferring to work with others rather than alone, and being personally connected with others on the job.	79
<u>Adaptability/Flexibility</u>	Job requires being open to change (positive or negative) and to considerable variety in the workplace.	77
<u>Innovation</u>	Job requires creativity and alternative thinking to develop new ideas for and answers to work-related problems.	69
<u>Analytical Thinking</u>	Job requires analyzing information and using logic to address work-related issues and problems.	68
<u>Achievement/Effort</u>	Job requires establishing and maintaining personally challenging achievement goals and exerting effort toward mastering tasks.	65
<u>Persistence</u>	Job requires persistence in the face of obstacles.	65
<u>Leadership</u>	Job requires a willingness to lead, take charge, and offer opinions and direction.	65

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## Related Occupations

This section shows a list of occupations related to Physical Therapist Assistants. Click an occupation title to see more information about that occupation.

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
1	<u>Physical Therapist Aides</u> 🌟	Under close supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, perform only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing the patient and the treatment area.	SOC4
2	<u>Acute Care Nurses</u> 🌟	Provide advanced nursing care for patients with acute conditions such as heart attacks, respiratory distress syndrome, or shock. May care for pre- and post-operative patients or perform advanced, invasive diagnostic or therapeutic procedures.	O*NET
3	<u>Athletic Trainers</u> 🌟	Evaluate and advise individuals to assist recovery from or avoid athletic-related injuries or illnesses, or maintain peak physical fitness. May provide first aid or emergency care.	O*NET
4	<u>Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians</u> 🌟	Conduct tests on pulmonary or cardiovascular systems of patients for diagnostic purposes. May conduct or assist in electrocardiograms, cardiac catheterizations, pulmonary functions, lung capacity, and similar tests. Includes vascular technologists.	O*NET
5	<u>Critical Care Nurses</u> 🌟	Provide advanced nursing care for patients in critical or coronary care units.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
6	<u>Dental Hygienists</u> 🌟	Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease. May educate patients on oral hygiene, take and develop x rays, or apply fluoride or sealants.	O*NET
7	<u>Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses</u> 🌟	Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.	O*NET
8	<u>Medical Assistants</u> 🌟	Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician.	O*NET
9	<u>Occupational Therapy Aides</u> 🌟	Under close supervision of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant, perform only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing patient and treatment room.	O*NET
10	<u>Occupational Therapy Assistants</u> 🌟	Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of treatments. Generally requires formal training.	O*NET
11	<u>Opticians, Dispensing</u> 🌟	Design, measure, fit, and adapt lenses and frames for client according to written optical prescription or specification. Assist client with inserting, removing, and caring for contact lenses. Assist client with selecting frames. Measure customer for size of eyeglasses and coordinate frames with facial and eye measurements and optical prescription. Prepare work order for optical laboratory containing instructions for grinding and mounting lenses in frames. Verify exactness of finished lens spectacles. Adjust frame and lens position to fit client. May shape or reshape frames. Includes contact lens opticians.	O*NET
12	<u>Pharmacy Technicians</u> 🌟	Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.	O*NET
13	<u>Psychiatric Aides</u> 🌟	Assist mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed patients, working under direction of nursing and medical staff. May assist with daily living activities, lead patients in educational and recreational activities, or accompany patients to and from examinations and treatments. May restrain violent patients. Includes psychiatric orderlies.	O*NET
14	<u>Psychiatric Technicians</u> 🌟	Care for individuals with mental or emotional conditions or disabilities, following the instructions of physicians or other health practitioners. Monitor patients' physical and emotional well-being and report to medical staff. May participate in rehabilitation and treatment programs, help with personal hygiene, and administer oral or injectable medications.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
15	<u>Radiation Therapists</u> 🌟	Provide radiation therapy to patients as prescribed by a radiologist according to established practices and standards. Duties may include reviewing prescription and diagnosis; acting as liaison with physician and supportive care personnel; preparing equipment, such as immobilization, treatment, and protection devices; and maintaining records, reports, and files. May assist in dosimetry procedures and tumor localization.	O*NET
16	<u>Radiologic Technologists</u> 🌟	Take x rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes. Includes technologists who specialize in other scanning modalities.	O*NET
17	<u>Registered Nurses</u> 🌟	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease prevention or provide case management. Licensing or registration required.	O*NET
18	<u>Respiratory Therapists</u> 🌟	Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment.	O*NET
19	<u>Respiratory Therapy Technicians</u>	Provide respiratory care under the direction of respiratory therapists and physicians.	O*NET
20	<u>Surgical Technologists</u> 🌟	Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.	O*NET
21	<u>Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors</u> 🌟	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities. Demonstrate techniques and form, observe participants, and explain to them corrective measures necessary to improve their skills.	O*NET
22	<u>Massage Therapists</u> 🌟	Perform therapeutic massages of soft tissues and joints. May assist in the assessment of range of motion and muscle strength, or propose client therapy plans.	O*NET
23	<u>Personal Care Aides</u> 🌟	Assist the elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities at the person's home or in a care facility. Duties performed at a place of residence may include keeping house (making beds, doing laundry, washing dishes) and preparing meals. May provide assistance at non-residential care facilities. May advise families, the elderly, convalescents, and persons with disabilities regarding such things as nutrition, cleanliness, and household activities.	O*NET

Rank	Related Occupations	Duties	*Related By
24	<a href="#"><u>Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education</u></a> 🌟	Instruct preschool-aged children in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility. May be required to hold State certification.	O*NET
25	<a href="#"><u>Social and Human Service Assistants</u></a> 🌟	Assist in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefits and social and community services. May assist social workers with developing, organizing, and conducting programs to prevent and resolve problems relevant to substance abuse, human relationships, rehabilitation, or dependent care.	O*NET
26	<a href="#"><u>Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary</u></a>	Teach or instruct vocational or occupational subjects at the postsecondary level (but at less than the baccalaureate) to students who have graduated or left high school. Includes correspondence school, industrial, and commercial instructors; and adult education teachers and instructors who prepare persons to operate industrial machinery and equipment and transportation and communications equipment. Teaching may take place in public or private schools whose primary business is education or in a school associated with an organization whose primary business is other than education.	O*NET

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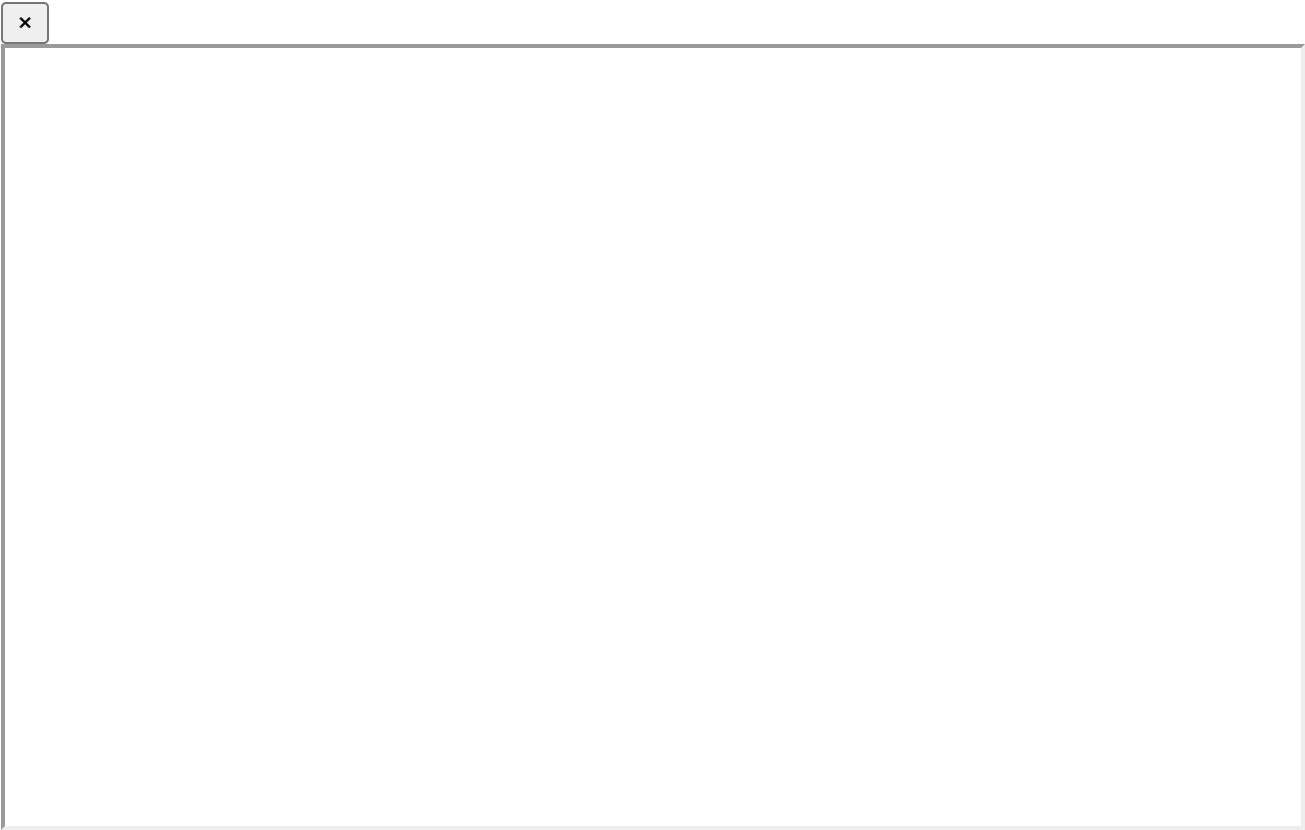
## Career Ladder

This section shows the top 10 occupations and the corresponding individuals in the workforce system who were previously Physical Therapist Assistants and have changed their occupation over the last 5 years.

Occupation Title	Number of Individuals that Moved	Percentage of Individuals that Moved
<a href="#"><u>Nursing Assistants</u></a> 🌟	15	17.44%
<a href="#"><u>Physical Therapist Aides</u></a> 🌟	11	12.79%
<a href="#"><u>Retail Salespersons</u></a> 🌟	9	10.47%
<a href="#"><u>Customer Service Representatives</u></a> 🌟🌿	9	10.47%
<a href="#"><u>Receptionists and Information Clerks</u></a> 🌟	9	10.47%
<a href="#"><u>Waiters and Waitresses</u></a> 🌟	8	9.30%
<a href="#"><u>Medical Assistants</u></a> 🌟	7	8.14%
<a href="#"><u>Bartenders</u></a> 🌟	6	6.98%
<a href="#"><u>Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food</u></a> 🌟	6	6.98%
<a href="#"><u>Personal Care Aides</u></a> 🌟	6	6.98%



Source: Individuals with active résumés in the workforce system.



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