

# See How You Can Change Lives as a Physical Therapist Assistant

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Physical therapist assistants are health care providers who provide physical therapist services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Physical therapist assistants combine education, clinical experience, and the latest research to help people meet their movement and functional needs and goals.



## Pathway to Being a PTA

- Fulfill PTA program requirements
- Apply to an accredited PTA program (2-year associate degree)
- Join the American Physical Therapy Association as a student member
- Graduate with a PTA associate degree
- Pass the national PTA licensure exam
- Continue APTA membership as a PTA
- Complete the Advanced Proficiency Pathways program (optional)



## Learn More About Physical Therapist Assistants

- Physical Therapy Careers: [apta.org/your-career](https://apta.org/your-career)
- Apply to PTA programs: [capteonline.org/Programs](https://capteonline.org/Programs)

## Reasons to Choose a Career as a Physical Therapist Assistant

- 1 Job satisfaction
- 2 Start your career in two years
- 3 \$58,520 average annual salary\*

\*<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes312021.htm>

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## Advanced Proficiency Pathways Areas



Acute care



Cardiovascular and pulmonary



Geriatrics



Oncology



Orthopedics

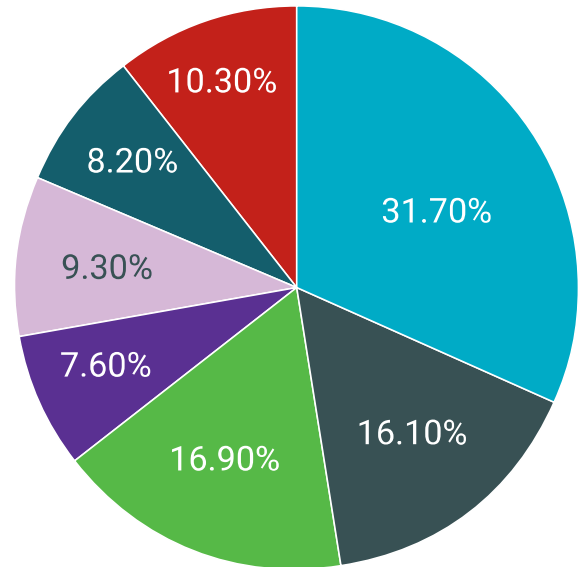


Pediatrics



Wound management

## Where PTAs Work



Other

Acute care hospital

Academic institution

Home care

Hospital-based outpatient facility or clinic

Skilled nursing facility/long-term care

Private outpatient office/group practice

## Things to Consider When Applying to PTA Programs

- Program admission requirements
- Program licensure exam pass rates
- Program structure and curriculum
- Clinical education and training
- Faculty-to-student ratio and demographics
- Costs and financial aid opportunities