

# Physical Therapist Assistant

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The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under physical therapists' supervision. Assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviating or preventing physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department.

Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of various patient conditions affecting humans throughout their lifespan.

Graduates are eligible to take the PTA National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for licensure in whichever state they plan to work. Employment is available in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient orthopedic clinics, school systems, geriatric health care facilities, and home health agencies.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in physical therapist assistant employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.