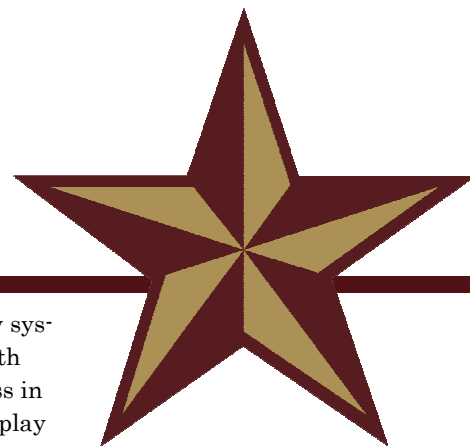


Physical Therapy

What can I do with this degree?



Physical therapists are essential participants in the health care delivery system. They assume leadership roles in rehabilitation, in prevention, health maintenance, and in programs that promote health, wellness, and fitness in professional organizations and the community. Physical therapists also play important roles both in developing standards for physical therapist practice and in developing health care policy to ensure availability, accessibility and optimal delivery of physical therapy services (Rothstein, 2001).

Skills

- Active Listening
- Speaking
- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Social Perceptiveness
- Time Management
- Coordination
- Judgment and Decision Making
- Monitoring
- Service Orientation

Areas of Specialization

- Cardiovascular and Pulmonary
- Clinical Electrophysiology
- Geriatrics
- Neurology
- Orthopedics
- Pediatrics
- Sports
- Women's Health

Degrees Offered at Texas State

- Doctor of Physical Therapy

Career Paths

(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)

Medical and Fitness

Sample Job Title

- Athletic Trainer
- Exercise Physiologist
- Fitness Trainer
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Physical Therapist (Doctoral Degree Required)
- Physical Therapy Assistant
- Recreational Therapist
- Sports Physician (Orthopedist)
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Sport Psychologist

Education

Sample Job Titles

- Athletic Coach
- Teacher
- Professor/Instructor
- Researcher

Possible Work Settings

- College/University

Private and Non-Profit Organizations

Possible Work Settings

- Hospitals
- Home Healthcare Agencies
- Sports Medicine Facilities
- Schools
- Universities and Colleges
- Clinics
- Nursing Homes
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Group or Private Practices

Government Agencies

Possible Work Settings

- National Institutes of Health
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Public Health Services

Resources

- Texas Licensure: <http://www.ecptote.state.tx.us/>
- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy <https://www.fsbpt.org/index.asp>
- Focus 2 <http://www.careerservices.txstate.edu/students/counselingappointment/assessments/focus2.html>
- O*net <http://www.onetonline.org/>
- Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Student Organizations

Pre-Physical Therapy Organization
<http://www.studentorgs.txstate.edu/ppto/>

State Organizations

Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA)
<http://www.tpta.org/>

National Organizations

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
<http://www.apta.org/>

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- O*Net: <http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/29-1123.00>
- Usciences.edu (University of the Sciences) Texas State Physical Therapy website: <http://www.health.txstate.edu/pt/>

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