

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

- Instruct, motivate, safeguard, and assist patients as they practice exercises or functional activities.
- Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on their responses and progress /provide results to physical therapist in person or through progress notes.
- Confer with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, or coordinating treatment. aquatic physical therapy, or heat, light, sound, or electrical modality treatments, such as ultrasound.

NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL WAGE INFORMATION

	Entry Level Hourly Wage	2016 Employment	Projected 2026 Employment
Capital Area	\$20.73	234	294
Texas	\$21.30	6,845	9,395
United States	\$16.08	88,300	115,800

WHAT JOB TITLES SHOULD I SEARCH FOR?

- Physical Therapist Assistant

WHERE COULD I WORK?

- Offices of Other Health Practitioners
- Home Health Care Services
- Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Facilities)

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED

WHAT TYPE OF EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING WILL I NEED?

Workers in occupations at this level can develop the skills needed for average job performance after obtaining a certificate or other postsecondary non-degree award.

WILL I NEED A SPECIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION?

Many occupations prefer or require at least one certification for entry or advancement. The Texas Workforce Investment Council has indicated the following as Industry– Based Certifications for this occupation: Wound Care Certified, Functional Training Specialty Certification, Orthopedic Exercise Specialty Certification, Orthopedic Technologist Certified, Certification in Orthopedic Manual Therapy, Occupational Therapist Registered

Primary Data Sources: Texas Workforce Commission at texaslmi.com, JobsEQ at jobseq.eqsuite.com, Bureau of Labor Statistics at bls.gov, and CareerOneStop at careerinfonet.org, 2018, Nationwide data is for 2019



OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE

For Staff Use
SOC: 31-2021
CIP: 51.0806

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CAPITAL AREA CAREER LADDER

* Also Included on Targeted Occupation List (PY 2021)

Chiropractor

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$20.71
- Median Level: \$53.35

38 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Physical Therapist

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$31.80
- Median Level: \$42.76

246 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Physical Therapist Assistant

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$20.73
- Median Level: \$32.60

60 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

Physical Therapist Aide

Hourly Wages

- Entry Level: \$9.89
- Median Level: \$12.71

53 new & replacement positions between 2016-2026

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