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WHAT I CAN DO WITH A MAJOR IN

# Physical Therapy Assistant

Associate of Applied Science Degree

*Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA's) work under the direction and supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT). PTA's perform physical therapy treatment interventions delegated by the supervising Physical Therapist. The PTA program is a combination of classroom, laboratory and clinical practice designed to prepare the student in the use of exercise, physical therapy modalities, clinical communication skills and special treatment procedures. Program content is based on recommended guidelines as established by the American Physical Therapy Association and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program prepares students to take the board examination for Physical Therapist Assistants administered by the state.*

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

## Need more information?

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## How much can I earn?

Tennessee Annual Salary

**\$26,840–\$55,250\***

\*Wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

## What will I do on the job?

Physical therapist assistants help physical therapists to provide treatment that improves patient mobility, relieves pain and prevents or lessens physical disabilities of patients.

## What skills will I use on the job?

Physical therapist assistants need a moderate degree of strength because of the physical exertion required in assisting patients with their treatment. In some cases, you may need to lift patients. Frequent kneeling, stooping and standing for long periods also are part of the job. Physical therapist assistants should be well-organized, detail oriented and caring. You will utilize strong interpersonal skills and a desire to help people.

## Possible job titles:

Physical therapy assistant

## Who will hire me?

Hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, home health agencies, private practices, school systems and outpatient clinics.

## Graduates work for such organizations as:

Erlanger Medical Center  
Benchmark Physical Therapy  
Siskin Rehab Hospital  
Cleveland Care and Rehabilitation  
Standifer Place Nursing Home  
Tri Star Rehab, Inc.  
Healthsouth  
St. Barnabas Nursing Home  
Signature Health  
Athens Regional Hospital