

Physical Therapy Assistants

**Median hourly
earnings: \$13.07**

**Median annual
earnings: \$27,720**

Occupation Description

Physical therapist assistants and aides help physical therapists to provide treatment that improves patient mobility, relieves pain, and prevents or lessens physical disabilities of patients. A physical therapist might ask an assistant to help patients exercise or learn to use crutches, for example, or an aide to gather and prepare therapy equipment.

Education and Training Needed

Employers typically require physical therapist aides to have a high school diploma. They are trained on the job, and most employers provide clinical on-the-job training.

Training Providers

[Montgomery College – Takoma Park Campus](#)

7600 Takoma Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912-4197
(240) 567-1501

Associate's Degree in Applied Science – Physical Therapist Assistant

The program provides a foundation for graduates to become highly skilled in providing patient services using physical therapy techniques under the supervision of a physical therapist in clinics, hospitals, and many other health care settings. 69 credit hours are required for completion.

[Northern Virginia Community College – Medical Education Campus](#)

6699 Springfield Center Drive
Springfield, VA 22150-1913
(703) 822-6570

Associate's Degree in Applied Science – Physical Therapist Assistant

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is a committed contributor to the physical therapy community of Northern Virginia. The program currently offers a two-year, full-time course of study. PTA majors develop their skills through classes, labs, field trips and clinical affiliations. Students gain a sense of personal and professional fulfillment in a career built around helping others recover from illness or injury. For those interested in a dynamic career in health care, physical therapy is a very rewarding choice. 66 credit hours are required for completion.