



CERTIFIED PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE - ONLINE

ONLINE PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE CERTIFICATION COURSE

THERE'S A GROWING NEED FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES. IN FACT, PT AIDE JOBS WILL GROW OVER 29 PERCENT THROUGH 2029. THIS ONLINE COURSE WILL HELP YOU MASTER THE SKILLS YOU NEED TO WORK AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE.

NOT ONLY WILL YOU BE PREPARED FOR THE AMCA'S PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN/AIDE CERTIFICATION EXAM, BUT AN EXTERNSHIP STARTER KIT WILL ALSO WALK YOU THROUGH EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO LAND A PT AIDE EXTERNSHIP.

JOB OUTLOOK FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROFESSIONALS, ESPECIALLY PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES, ARE IN HIGH DEMAND. THE US BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS (BLS) LISTS PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS AND AIDES AMONG ITS FASTEST-GROWING CAREER AREAS.

THE BLS PROJECTS A 27% GROWTH IN OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SUPPORT POSITIONS BETWEEN NOW AND 2028. THIS IS OVER FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN THE OVERALL EXPECTED JOB GROWTH.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST AIDES EARN AROUND \$27,000 PER YEAR, ON AVERAGE, ACCORDING TO BLS DATA. PAY RATES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPIST AIDES CAN VARY BY LOCATION AND THE TYPE OF PATIENTS THEY SERVE.

THOSE WHO WORK IN NURSING OR SKILLED CARE FACILITIES EARN AROUND \$35,000 PER YEAR. THERAPY AIDE JOBS IN THE OFFICES OF PHYSICAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND SPEECH THERAPISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS PAY AROUND \$25,600 PER YEAR.



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COURSE OBJECTIVES

- *PREPARE TO TAKE AND PASS THE AMCA PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIAN/AIDE CERTIFICATION EXAM*
- *UNDERSTAND THE ROLE, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CERTIFIED PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE IN VARIOUS HEALTHCARE SETTINGS*
- *BUILD KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN ANATOMY, FUNCTIONAL BODY MOVEMENTS, AND SYSTEM DISORDERS AS THEY RELATE TO PHYSICAL THERAPY*
- *IDENTIFY PROPER POSITIONING, PATIENT TRANSFERS, COMMON EXERCISES, MODALITIES, AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT*
- *DEMONSTRATE ETHICAL AND LEGAL BEHAVIOR SPECIFIC TO HEALTHCARE SETTINGS*
- *DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TASKS APPROPRIATE FOR A CERTIFIED PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS*

IS CERTIFICATION NECESSARY FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES?

THE AMCA EXAM COVERS THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- *PATIENT CARE*
- *PRACTICE ADMINISTRATION*
- *LAW AND ETHICS*
- *PATIENT PREPARATION AND POSITIONING*
- *ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY*
- *SAFETY AND INFECTION CONTROL*
- *THERAPEUTIC MODALITIES*

EACH OF THESE AREAS IS CRITICAL TO PATIENT CARE, EFFECTIVE TREATMENT AND LIMITING LIABILITY FOR THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION.



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COURSE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT DOES A PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE DO?

PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL THERAPY ENVIRONMENT. THEY USUALLY MANAGE THE CLEANLINESS AND SAFETY OF THE CLINIC OR WORK ENVIRONMENT AND HELP PREPARE THE EQUIPMENT FOR EACH PATIENT'S VISIT. AND THEY OFTEN HELP PATIENTS AS THEY ARRIVE AND MOVE AROUND IN THE TREATMENT FACILITY. SOME COMMON DUTIES INCLUDE:

- **CLEANING THE TREATMENT AREAS**
- **SETTING UP THERAPY EQUIPMENT**
- **WASHING LINENS**
- **HELPING PATIENTS MOVE TO OR FROM A THERAPY AREA**
- **HANDLING CLERICAL TASKS, SUCH AS ANSWERING PHONES SCHEDULING PATIENTS AND CHECKING PATIENTS INTO THE CLINIC**

IS A PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE THE SAME AS A PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT?

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS WORK DIRECTLY WITH PATIENTS TO FACILITATE TREATMENT. THEY MAY ASSIST PATIENTS WITH EXERCISE, MASSAGE, BALANCE AND OTHER FORMS OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS. PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANTS OFTEN SUPERVISE THE WORK OF PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDES.

IS PHYSICAL THERAPY AIDE A GOOD CHOICE FOR A REMOTE CAREER?

CHANGES IN HEALTH COVERAGE AFTER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) OF 2014 HAVE SHIFTED MANY PHYSICAL THERAPY ACTIVITIES FROM THE HEALTHCARE SETTING AND INTO THE PATIENT'S HOME. AS A RESULT, PHYSICAL THERAPY SUPPORT ACTIVITIES NOW ALSO TAKE PLACE IN THE HOME. THE SHIFT TO HOMECARE HAS ALSO OPENED OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDEPENDENT AND EVEN TRAVELING PHYSICAL THERAPY PROFESSIONALS.

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