The vast majority of PTAs work in hospitals or privately owned physical therapy practices. Others work in settings such as home health, schools, rehab units and various others.

PTAs can opt to pursue expertise status in different areas of practice, for example: The American Physical Therapy Association’s Advanced Proficiency Pathways and The American Physical Therapy Association’s “Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program”.

**Physical Therapist**

$64,626 - $93,974/yr

**Job Description**

Physical therapists (PTs) are licensed health care professionals who can help patients reduce pain and improve or restore mobility. PTs examine each individual and develop a plan, using treatment techniques to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability.

**Education**

Doctorate Degree

**Physical Therapist Assistant**

$49,192 - $70,595/yr

**Job Description**

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) are licensed health care professionals who provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. PTAs assist in the development of treatment plans, document the progress of patient treatments, and modify specific treatments in accordance with patient status and the scope of the PT's treatment plan.

**Education**

Associate's Degree

**Physical Therapist Assistant A.S.**