

Physical Therapist



JOB DESCRIPTION: This is a good fit for individuals who enjoy helping injured or ill people improve their movement and manage their pain. They administer therapeutic treatments utilizing physical agents, biomechanical and neurophysiological principles and assistive devices in relieving pain, restoring maximum functions and preventing disability following disease or injury. They provide direct supervision of support personnel and students. Evaluate patients and develop patient care plans, provide direct patient care, document all pertinent information and educate patients and others regarding the treatment plan and procedures. For home services, may travel to patient homes to render services. Must be designated as a Registered Physical Therapist by the State Board of Medical Registration and Examination.

MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY: \$81,500

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Doctorate degree required from an accredited college or university.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Employment is expected to increase 39% from 2010 to 2020.

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Sources: *Bureau of Labor Statistics and South Carolina Hospital Association.*