

#### CAREER RESPONSIBILITIES

Physical Therapists provide therapy treatment to patients with physical disabilities. The goal of therapy is to help patients strengthen muscles and improve mobility, restore function, or relieve pain. Their patients include accident victims and clients with such conditions as burns, amputations, stroke, vertigo, low back pain, arthritis, heart disease, fractures, head injuries, and cerebral palsy.

#### Skills Associated With Physical Therapy Majors:

- Strong organizational, communication, and leadership skills
- Must possess patience and a desire to help individuals; positive attitude
  - Good manual dexterity and physical stamina
  - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to assess, plan and evaluate therapy; counseling skills
- Good knowledge of anatomy, physiology, biology, chemistry, and physics

#### Sample Career Titles

Athletic Director	Health Practitioner	Physical Therapist
Athletic Trainer	Health Promoter	Physical Therapy Assistant
Coach	Health Service Administrator	Physician
Commercial Wellness	Health Services Planner	Physicians Assistant
Center Director	Health Teacher	Professional Team Trainer
Consultant	Hospital Administrator	Professor
Corrective Therapist	Hospital Health Educator	Prosthetist
Dietitian	Managed Care Administrator	Recreational Therapist
Director of Recreation	Medical Librarian	Rehabilitation Specialist
Emergency Medical Technician	Nurse	School Health Educator
Exercise Physiologist	Occupational Therapist	Sports Equipment Designer
Exercise Specialist	Occupational Therapy	Sports Nutritionist
Field Health Officer	Assistant	Sports Psychologist
Fitness Center Director	Patient Advocate	University Health Educator
Fitness Instructor	Personal Trainer	Vocational Rehabilitation
Health Educator	Pharmaceutical	Specialist
Health Information	Salesperson	Weight Management Specialist
Administrator	Pharmacist	Wellness Coordinator
Health Instructor	Physical Education Teacher	

\*\* Some careers may require additional training and/or education

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