



Wayne
County
Community
College
District

Physical Therapy Technician

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The median annual wage for Physical Therapy Technicians was \$27,000 in May 2019.

JOB OUTLOOK

Overall employment of Physical Therapy Technicians is projected to grow 29 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the healthcare needs of an aging population and individuals with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Physical Therapy Technician Program provides the unique opportunity for students to earn a Physical Therapy Technician Certificate while completing prerequisite courses necessary for admission to most Associate of Applied Science Physical Therapist Assistant Programs.

The Physical Therapy Technician Certificate is a short-term program designed to introduce students to the chief responsibilities of the position which include assisting in routine patient care services under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, managing and maintaining physical therapy equipment, and assisting with administrative duties. This program may also serve as a pathway to Physical Therapist Assistant degree programs.



WHAT DO PHYSICAL THERAPY TECHNICIANS DO?

The Physical Therapy Technician's responsibilities may include participating in and overseeing the performance of a variety of non-clinical supportive activities such as cleaning equipment, preparing treatment areas, ordering and arranging supplies, and working with confidential medical records. Under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, the Physical Therapy Technician may assist in the preparation and performance of routine tasks as assigned such as assisting with patient positioning and aiding patients in moving from room to room.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

Physical Therapy Technicians held about 50,600 jobs in 2019. Most Physical Therapy Technicians work in physical therapists' offices or in hospitals. They are frequently on their feet as they set up equipment and help care for patients. The largest employers of Physical Therapy Technicians were as follows:

- Offices of physical, occupational, and speech therapists, and audiologists
- Hospitals; state, local, and private
- Offices of physicians
- Nursing care facilities (skilled nursing facilities)
- Government



Recommended Sequence of Courses

Physical Therapy Technician: Certificate

CR. No. COURSE TITLE CREDITS

SEMESTER 1

ALH 110 Medical Terminology*3

PTT 101 Introduction to Physical Therapy* ..3

Admission to the PTT Program

ENG 119 English I*3

BIO 155 Introductory Biology*4

PSY 101 Introductory Psychology*3

SEMESTER TOTAL16

SEMESTER 2

BIO 240 Human Anatomy and
Physiology I*4

Pre-requisite BIO 155

SPH 101 Fundamentals of Speech*3

PTT 103 Overview of Functional Mobility ..4

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PTT 101 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

PTT 104 Physical Therapy Law & Ethics ...3

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PTT 101 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

SEMESTER TOTAL14

SEMESTER 3

BIO 250 Human Anatomy and
Physiology II*4

Pre-requisite BIO 240

PTT 105 Overview of Physical Therapy
Techniques4

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

PTT 101 PTT 103 PTT 104

PTT 106 Front Office Skills3

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

PTT 101 PTT 103 PTT 104

PTT 107 Safety and Infection Control3

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

PTT 101 PTT 103 PTT 104

PTT 110 Clinical Practicum1

Pre-requisites ALH 110 PSY 101 BIO 155 ENG 119

PTT 101 PTT 103 PTT 104

SEMESTER TOTAL15

CERTIFICATE TOTAL45

Note: Certificate total hours may not include prerequisites

**Courses may be transferrable to Associate of Applied Science Degree Programs such as Physical Therapist Assistant.*

