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My first experience with physical therapy was as a patient in middle school when I tore my ACL and had to go for several months. Having been through that process myself, I feel like I can put myself in my patient's shoes and help them understand the process better.

Being a PT has been great as it allows me to put to use my love of human anatomy combined with customer service. I see a wide variety of patients from young athletes trying to get back in action quickly to older patients who need help for some of their more chronic conditions.



### Occupation:

Physical Therapist

### Salary:

\$73,300

### Education:

Doctoral or Professional Degree

### Job Description:

**Physical Therapists** assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.\*



\*Source: This information is based on O\*NET™ data. O\*NET is a trademark registered to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

## Job Description:

SOC Code: 29-1123

## Top Job Skills:

- Educate patients
- Relieve pain
- Discharge planning
- Restore function
- Discharge planning

## General Work Activities:

- Mental Processes
  - Develop medical treatment plans
  - Analyze patient data to determine patient needs or treatment goals
  - Evaluate patient outcomes to determine effectiveness of treatments
  - Establish treatment goals
- Interacting With Others
  - Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan and/or provide treatment
  - Train patients, family members, or caregivers in techniques for managing disabilities or illnesses
  - Treat patients using physical therapy techniques
  - Process healthcare paperwork
  - Explain medical procedures or test results to patients or family members
- Work Output
  - Record patient medical histories
  - Enter patient data into computers

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

## LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:

**SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)** is the state's largest job database and provides all of South Carolina's job postings from all major sites, including Monster and Career Builder, in one resource. SCWOS has thousands of positions listed by employers all over the state. To access SCWOS, visit [jobs.scworks.org](https://jobs.scworks.org).

Find in-depth breakdowns of occupational statistics such as necessary job certifications, job skills and abilities, current job openings, overview of general work activities, and more by visiting [O\\*NET.org](https://www.o*net.org).

## JOB STATISTICS:



**Typical Wage Range**  
\$79,280 - \$105,710



**Projected Growth**  
218/yr Job Openings



**Employed In-State**  
3,700



**Required Education**  
Doctoral or  
Professional Degree



**Work Experience**  
Typically  
Requires None



**On-the-Job Training**  
Typically  
Requires None

\*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Pee Dee
- Midlands
- Trident
- Lowcountry
- Waccamaw
- Santee-Lynches

## EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- Upstream Rehabilitation, Inc.
- Fox Rehabilitation
- ATI Physical Therapy
- Prisma Health
- Career Tree Network
- LHC Group, Inc.

## RELATED OCCUPATIONS:

- Occupational Therapists
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Emergency Medicine Physicians
- Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Physicians

NOTE: All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. Last Updated: 2024.