Physical Therapist

**Job Description:** Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulted from disease or injury.

**What does a Physical Therapist do?**

* Administer manual exercises, massage, or traction to help relieve pain, increase the patient's strength, or decrease/prevent deformity or crippling
* Test, measure, and record patient's strength, motor development and function, sensory perception, functional capacity, or respiratory/circulatory efficiency
* Administer treatment involving application of physical agents, using equipment, moist packs, or ultrasound machines
* Evaluate, fit, readjust, or repair prosthetic or orthotic devices; recommend modifications to orthotist
* Provide educational information about physical therapy or therapists, injury prevention, ergonomics, or ways to promote physical health
* Identify and document goals, anticipated progress, and plans for reevaluation

**Outlook:** BRIGHT

Average Salary - $45.97 hourly, $95,620 annually

Projected Job Openings – 15,600 in the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Do you like working with people?
* Do you like helping others?
* Do you have good communication skills?
* Are you interested in how the body works?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Most positions require a master's degree, and higher-level positions require a Ph.D.
* Degree paths include biology, physical therapy, and related fields.