

Physical Therapy Aide Certificate



Professional and
Continuing Education

In this online certificate program, you will master all the skills you need to begin a career as a physical therapy aide. You will learn what physical therapy entails, identify the responsibilities of a PT aide and develop a working knowledge of anatomy and medical terminology. In addition, you will get a solid grounding in patient care skills, infection control and the legal and ethical regulations that affect healthcare providers.



Who Should Attend

Professionals who are interested in obtaining an entry-level position in the popular healthcare field of physical therapy.

Skill Sets

- Have a fundamental understanding of what physical therapy entails
- Explore the different roles of physical therapists, physical therapy assistants and physical therapy aides
- Communicate effectively with patients and colleagues
- Learn professional healthcare documentation of treatments
- Be familiar with the organization of the human body and important anatomical terminology
- Understand the basics of pathology, vital signs and principles of treatment
- Techniques for preventing pressure sores and safely transferring patients
- Fundamentals of infection control
- How to transfer patients safely in a variety of settings
- Know the basics about ambulation aids

- Be prepared to assist patients with ambulation-related activities
- Understand principles of treatment of the muscular, skeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory and nervous systems
- Be aware of the legal and ethical issues that affect PT aides

Requirements

Must have access to a computer, Internet and an active e-mail account.

Training Time

150 hours, 6 months



Certificate Completion

By the end of the program, you will be fully prepared to obtain an entry-level position as a PT aide in a healthcare facility.

Delivery Format

- The entire program is offered online
- Start anytime during the quarter
- Complete it from the convenience of your home and on your schedule
- Progress at the pace that matches your learning style

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