Physical therapists are experts of movement and function, and they work with patients to improve their strength and mobility.

Physical therapy is a dynamic and progressive profession with continued advances in evidence-based and innovative practice, education, lifelong learning and advocacy. There are many reasons students choose a career as a physical therapist. The field provides an excellent income and flexibility. Many PTs enjoy the independence and autonomy of owning their own practice and the ability to determine their own hours, thus allowing more time for their personal life.

Applying to physical therapy programs

In addition to showing solid academic performance, students pursuing a career in physical therapy should have the desire to help others, be able to work with people of all ages and abilities and like working with people one-on-one. Students will take the GRE to assess communication and reasoning skills and will need to obtain letters of recommendation, including one from a physical therapist.

Gain experience

► Job shadow a physical therapist.
► Apply for internships in a medical facility that offers physical therapy or a physical therapy office.
► Seek opportunities for research experience.

Find out more

The American Physical Therapy Association provides resources for students considering becoming a physician assistant as a career.
► Visit apta.org for more information.

Physical therapy career options

► Private practitioner offices
► Clinics
► Hospitals
► Sports medicine
► Orthopedics
► Neurologic rehabilitation
► Pediatrics
► Cardiopulmonary
► Women’s health
► Geriatrics
► Schools

PT programs in South Carolina

► Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)
► University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health
► Anderson University

Pre-physical therapy at Clemson University

Plan your path

Core prerequisites checklist for many physical therapy programs:
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Anatomy and physiology
- Physics
- Statistics
- Psychology
- Upper-level psychology

These additional courses may be required by other programs:
- Medical terminology
- Ethics
- Exercise physiology

Prerequisites vary by school. Please refer to your preferred school’s website for detailed requirement information.

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Physical therapy school matriculation profile

Accepted undergraduate students by major

- Biological Sciences
- Psychology
- Health Science
- Animal and Veterinary Sciences
- Bioengineering

Average acceptance rate

- National average: 71%
- Clemson average: 76% (+5%)

Where students matriculate

Students most frequently attend these physical therapy schools after Clemson:
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Anderson University
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Average GPA

- 3.6

Average GRE

- 305

Average attendance cost

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Average physical therapist salary

- $97,960


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