

Physical Therapy Aide Apprenticeship



Looking for not just a job, but a career? Take a closer look at becoming a

Physical Therapy Aide

If you are a Californian resident with a disability looking to get into the workforce, now is the time to start a rewarding career as an apprentice Physical Therapy Aide!

The Ready, Willing and Able initiative is currently recruiting for high-quality positions as apprentice Physical Therapy Aides in the Los Angeles area.

A Physical Therapy Aide supports Physical Therapists in providing care. They prepare treatment areas and therapy equipment, assist patients with mobility during therapy sessions, and perform clerical tasks. Their role contributes to patient recovery and wellbeing.

Through combining paid employment with on-the-job training and formal technical instruction, as an apprentice Physical Therapy Aide you will:

- Earn while you learn
- Develop practical skills and experience in a real world setting
- Study towards a nationally recognized qualification
- Work and learn alongside industry professionals

Pre-Requisites:

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- 16 years or older
- Ability to read, write, and speak English
- Possessing a current government-issued ID and valid social security card
- Medical clearance

Diploma certified in just 11 months

- Be trained to become a Nurse Assistant with the necessary knowledge, clinical skills, and professionalism expected by employers.

Did you know that upon qualification Nurse Assistants enjoy a median starting salary of \$38,200? *

<https://www.salary.com/tools/salary-calculator/certified-nursing-assistant/anaheim-ca>

HOW TO APPLY

To apply now please email recruitment@readywillingable.us
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What You Need to Know

A Physical Therapy Aide often serves as the backbone of a physical therapy clinic, ensuring everything runs smoothly so that therapists can focus on patient care. Their responsibilities can range from direct patient care to administrative tasks and maintaining the therapy environment.

Direct patient care often involves helping patients move to and from treatment areas, assisting with light exercises or stretches under the direct supervision of a physical therapist, or helping patients with mobility issues navigate the clinic. They may also prepare hot and cold packs for therapy sessions, assist with certain therapeutic modalities like ultrasound or TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation), and even provide some patient education on using crutches, canes, or other mobility aids.

On the administrative side, Physical Therapy Aides schedule patient appointments, answer phones, and manage patient records. This often involves data entry to record patient progress and report it to the physical therapist. Some aides might also take inventory of supplies, clean equipment, and order new supplies as necessary.

Physical Therapy Aides also maintain the cleanliness and safety of the therapy environment. This can involve sanitizing equipment and treatment areas between patients, setting up or adjusting equipment for therapists, and ensuring that all supplies are organized and readily available.

What Do You Need To Succeed In This Role?

This job will suit individuals who possess:

- **Empathy:** The ability to understand and connect with patients' feelings and experiences, fostering a compassionate and understanding environment.
- **Adaptability:** Being able to adjust and adapt to varied job tasks or unexpected situations, which is crucial in a dynamic healthcare setting.
- **Communication Skills:** Strong communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal, are essential for understanding patient needs, conveying information, and working efficiently with the physical therapist and other team members.
- **Organizational Skills:** Efficient organizational skills for managing appointments, maintaining patient records, and keeping treatment areas tidy, regardless of physical abilities.
- **Attention to Detail:** Accuracy in recording patient progress, following therapist instructions, and ensuring the safety of treatment settings are vital, even if adaptations for certain tasks are needed.
- **Teamwork:** The ability to work well with the physical therapist, other aides, and the healthcare team, fostering a collaborative and supportive environment that benefits patients and staff alike. These attributes consider a wide range of abilities and promote inclusivity in the workplace.



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