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Q What is a physical therapist assistant?

A physical therapist assistant is a skilled technical health care provider who works under the supervision of a physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant works with a variety of patients who have been disabled by illness, accident or congenital handicap.

Q What duties does a physical therapist assistant perform?

A physical therapist assistant may perform such duties as:

- Implementing treatment programs involving exercise, massage, hydrotherapy and other forms of stimuli
- Reporting to the physical therapist on the patient's response

Q Where does a physical therapist assistant work?

A physical therapist assistant may work in a:

- Hospital
- Nursing home
- School for the disabled
- Rehabilitation center
- Home health agency
- Sports medicine center

Q What is the income potential for a physical therapist assistant?

Income varies depending on the type of physical therapist assistant position. The median income for the U.S. is \$32,000 and the median income for the Memphis Metropolitan area is \$31,000.

Q What will the physical therapist assistant degree allow me to do?

Earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree at Southwest and enter the job market immediately upon passing the licensure examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

Q What is Southwest's employment rate for graduates of the physical therapist assistant program?

Southwest's employment rate for physical therapist assistants generally exceeds 80 percent each year.

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Why choose the physical therapist assistant program at Southwest?

- Fully accredited programs by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Small classes for more personalized attention
- Flexible class schedules available at multiple campuses, centers, sites; and distance learning opportunities
- Affordable tuition
- Support services, including career counseling, free tutoring and career services, financial aid, job opportunity assistance and on-site child care services

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

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How do I apply for admission to Southwest?

- Complete application for Southwest.
- Submit your application and pay \$5 application fee to Bursar's Office.
- Request that an "official" copy of your high school/GED scores, college transcript(s) be sent to:
*Southwest Tennessee Community College
P.O. Box 780, Memphis, TN 38101-0780*
- Apply for financial aid (if applicable).
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete new student orientation, either online or on campus.
- Review the College's academic calendar or printed schedule of classes for registration dates, times and locations.
- Meet with academic advisor.
- Register for classes online, via TRAVIS or in person.
- Pay your fees or ensure that your financial aid is in place for your course.

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