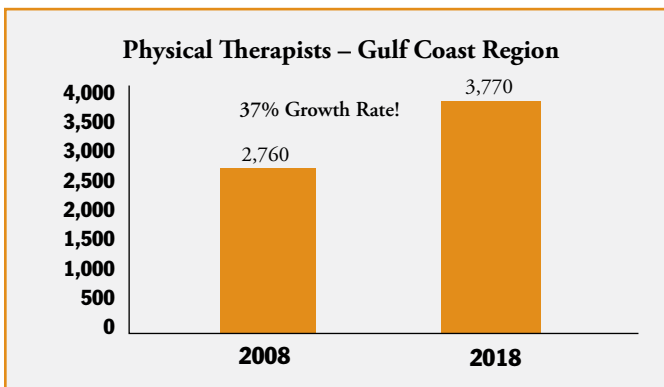


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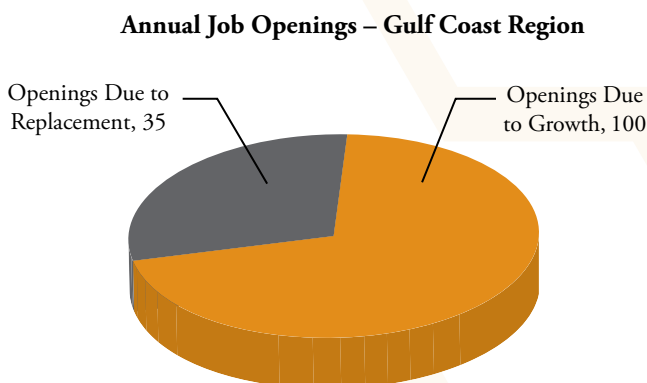
THERE IS NO BETTER REWARD THAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OTHERS LIVES.

When a person experiences loss of bodily functions due to back and neck injuries, sprains, fractures, arthritis, sports injuries, amputations, or stroke to name a few, a physical therapist is called in for evaluation and treatment. Physical therapy is a popular choice over surgery. The method of treatment varies case by case and can be anything from therapeutic exercise and functional training to the use of adaptive devices and equipment or even various forms of electrotherapy. The outlook for careers in physical therapy is especially good in the Gulf Coast Region due to rapid population growth and an aging population.



The number of physical therapists needed will increase by 37% from 2008 to 2018, much more than the average for all occupations (19.4%)!

*Includes the following counties: Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

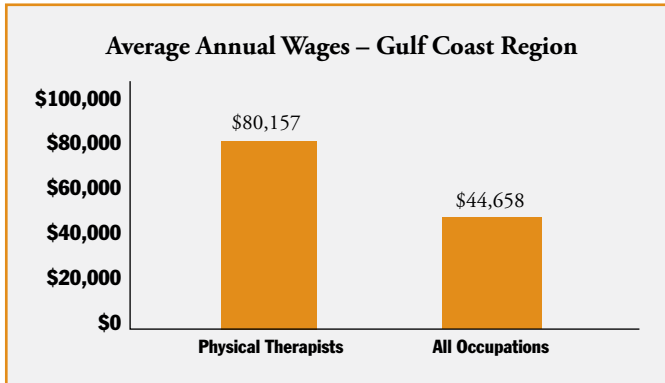


Demand for physical therapists due to growth is nearly triple demand due to career advancement, retirement, or exiting the field of physical therapy.

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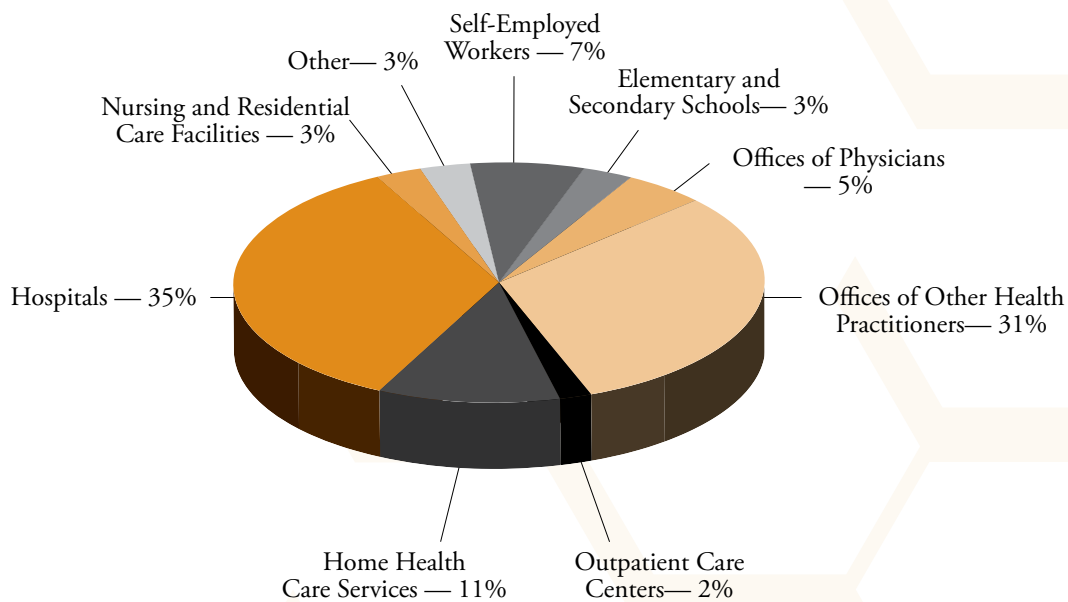
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PHYSICAL THERAPISTS EARN EXCELLENT WAGES, NEARLY DOUBLE THE AVERAGE OF ALL OCCUPATIONS IN THE REGION!



PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WORK ACROSS VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE.

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PATHWAY TO BECOMING A PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Physical therapists are regulated and licensed by the state in a way similar to that of registered nurses and doctors. There are four steps required to obtain a state license.

- Obtain a bachelor's degree in a healthcare related field such as biology, chemistry, exercise science or kinesiology
- Complete an accredited physical therapy graduate degree program, for a list go to <http://apps.apta.org/custom/wstemplate.cfm?cfml=studentprograms/ptprogramselect.cfm&cfmltitle=Accredited>
- Successfully complete the national licensure examination through the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, www.fsbpt.org
- Apply for licensure in Texas through the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Examiners. Additional details and requirements of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Examiners including passing of the Jurisprudence Exam can be found at their web site, www.ecptote.state.tx.us

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The American Physical Therapy Association, www.apta.org

The Texas Physical Therapy Association, www.tpta.org

START EARLY AND BE PREPARED!

Degree programs in physical therapy focus heavily on math and science courses. Students should strive for a high GPA in high school and in their undergraduate program to provide them with the edge needed for acceptance in and successful completion of a physical therapy graduate program.



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PREPARING FOR A PHYSICAL THERAPIST CAREER*

9th Grade			
Suggested Coursework			
	English I	World Geography	Career-Related Electives: Introduction to Health Science Technology AND Medical Terminology
	Algebra I	Languages other than English I	
	Biology	Health/PE or Equivalent	
10th Grade			
Suggested Coursework			
	English II	World History	Career-Related Electives: Career-Related Electives: Health Science Technology I or Gerontology
	Geometry	Languages other than English II	
	Chemistry	Technology Applications	
11th Grade			
Suggested Coursework			
	English III	United States History	Career-Related Electives: Health Science Technology II or Anatomy and Physiology of Human Systems or Languages other than English III
	Algebra II	Communication Applications	
	Physics	PE or Equivalent	
12th Grade			
Suggested Coursework			
	English IV	Government/Economics	Career-Related Electives: Health Science Technology III or Medical Microbiology or Pathophysiology or Pharmacology or Clinical Nutrition or Mental Health or Psychology or Languages other than English IV
	AP Statistics	Fine Arts	
	Scientific Research and Design		

*Source: AchieveTexas.org

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GULF COAST REGION PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITIES

- Texas Woman's University

HEALTH-RELATED INSTITUTIONS

- University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN THE GULF COAST REGION

- Harris County Hospital District
- HCA Healthcare
- HealthSouth
- Houston VA Medical Center
- Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
- Kindred Healthcare
- Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
- The Methodist Hospital
- Oak Bend Medical Center
- St. Lukes Episcopal Health System
- Shriners Hospital for Children
- Tenet Health Care
- Texas Childrens Hospital
- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
- The University of Texas Medical Branch
- Various home health agencies



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