

Physical Therapy



A Career in Physical Therapy

At VA, Physical Therapy is a direct patient care, interdisciplinary service that uses a wide range of human function systems to provide Veterans with assessment and treatment interventions. Specialized Physical Therapy includes, but is not limited to, geriatrics, neurology, cardiopulmonary, orthopedics, electrophysiology, diabetes, adaptive sports, musculoskeletal, spinal cord injury, amputee, wound care, stroke, brain injury, polytrauma, women's health and arthritis. These professionals provide Veterans preventative and rehabilitative services that promote well-being and allow them to function at the highest level. They also develop individualized treatment programs to help patients achieve their specific goals.

Physical Therapist

The Physical Therapist series covers positions that involve professional work requiring the application of the concepts, principles and practices of physical therapy for the treatment or prevention of physical disability or disease. Physical Therapists plan and carry out treatment utilizing therapeutic exercise, massage and physical agents such as air, water, electricity, sound and radiant energy. Therapists perform tests and measurements involving manual or electrical means and interpret results. Therapists also adapt equipment to meet patients' specific needs. Positions include:

- Physical Therapist

Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant

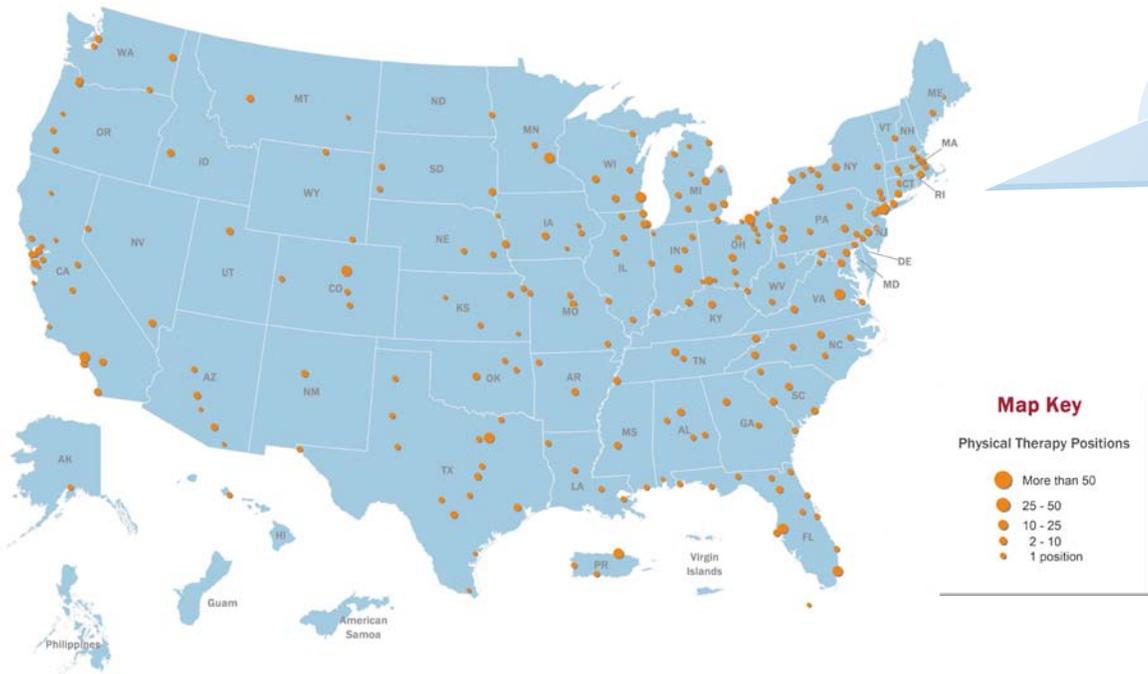
The Rehabilitation Therapy Assistant series covers positions that involve treating, instructing or working with patients in carrying out therapeutic activities prescribed for their physical or mental rehabilitation. Rehabilitation Therapy Assistants work in occupational, physical, corrective, manual arts and educational therapy fields. The ability to apply a practical knowledge of therapeutic methods and techniques is required, but full professional knowledge of the concepts, principles and practices of the specialized field of therapy is not required. Positions include:

- Physical Therapy Assistant

MyCareer@VA

VA is committed to career development and supports employees' ambitions to grow, learn and advance. Building a career at VA is a partnership, and we are dedicated to providing you the career resources and materials you need to achieve success.

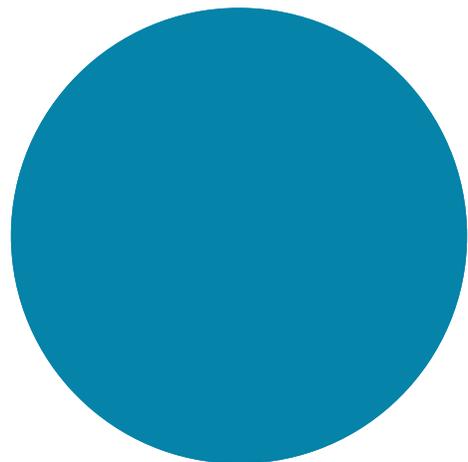
The MyCareer@VA program delivers interactive and engaging career development tools to help you explore and chart your long-term career path within VA.



Physical Therapy Job Locations

VA's Physical Therapy positions are dispersed across 240 cities within the United States. The top five Physical Therapy occupational family geographic locations are Tampa, Fla.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Denver, Colo.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Richmond, Va.

VA Physical Therapy Job Distribution by Administration



Veterans Health Administration: 100%

Total Physical Therapy Employee Population = 1,943

VA's Physical Therapy positions are located in the Veterans Health Administration to meet the broad range of needs facing the Department.

MyCareer@VA Tools and Resources

- ▲ **Career Planning Process** - Develop professional goals and align developmental experiences to VA career opportunities through a four-phase process: Prepare, Plan, Explore and Develop
- ▲ **My Career Mapping Tool** - Map your long-term career path at VA by exploring career possibilities that leverage your knowledge, skills and experience across multiple occupational families
- ▲ **My Career Fit Tool** - Discover your career "fit" at VA by identifying your work interests and work environment preferences
- ▲ **VA Career Guides** - Explore the knowledge, skills, education and training recommended for each VA job and related career levels

VA employees can also visit the VA Talent Management System (TMS), a state-of-the-art online training and employee development system, to search and register for training courses and learning opportunities.