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Physical Therapy Board – Military Occupational Crosswalk

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Air Force

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Navy

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Physical Therapist (873) [Officer] **Page 7**
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Physical Therapy Board
Physical Therapist

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	Doctor of Physical Therapy A candidate for licensure by examination shall have graduated from a physical therapy program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or by another National organization recognized by the Board that accredits physical therapy programs.
Examination Requirement	1 Examination Candidate must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)
Profession definition	Licensed healthcare professionals who help injured or ill people improve their movement and manage their pain.

Air Force
Physical Therapist (42B1; 42B3; 42B4; 42BX) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan, develop and manage physical therapy treatment, procedures, and programs Develop and implement teaching programs and research related to physical therapy Evaluate patients and determine the type and frequency of treatment necessary Make recommendations regarding the use of braces and other related support appliances Act as a consultant to medical staff on physical therapy
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum education: entry-level doctorate (DPT) or transitional (e.g., post-professional; Doctor of Physical Therapy)
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in their final year of training may apply for physical therapy assignments State license to practice physical therapy Completion of 5.5-week Commissioned Officer training course.
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Physical Therapy Specialist Certification Pediatric Physical Therapy Specialist Certification Neurologic Physical Therapy Specialist Certification Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialist Certification

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	Servicemember holds Doctor of Physical Therapy. Satisfies education requirement for licensure.
Examination Requirement	The servicemember is required to hold a license to practice physical therapy in the Air Force, and thus, must have passed the National Physical Therapy Examination to gain licensure. If servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.

Physical Therapy Board
Physical Therapy Assistant

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	Associates Degree A candidate must have graduated from a physical therapist assistant program which has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
Examination Requirement	1 Examination Candidate must pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination.
Profession definition	An individual certified by the state board to work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.

Air Force
Physical Medicine (4J012; 4J032; 4J052; 4J072; 4J0X2) [Enlisted]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist Physical Therapists with patient evaluations and tests Fabricate splints and aid devices to protect and assist patients Observe and record patient responses to treatment Manage material and equipment Provide quality patient care in an ethical, safe, sanitary, and caring environment
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school diploma, GED with 15 college credits, or GED
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of basic and clinical sciences Completion of 8.5 weeks of Basic Military Training 81 days of technical training Credits earned towards Physical Therapist Assistant upon completion
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Therapy Technician/Aide Certification (PTTC) National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTAE)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember earns credits towards Physical Therapist Assistant certification upon completion of 81 days of Air Force technical training.</p> <p>However, a candidate for licensure must graduate from an approved physical therapist assistant program to satisfy education requirement.</p> <p>The servicemember’s current education level would not satisfy requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember can take National Physical Therapist Assistant examination during time of service.</p> <p>Satisfies requirement for licensure if servicemember demonstrates proof of passing national examination.</p>

Physical Therapy Board
Physical Therapist

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>Doctor of Physical Therapy</p> <p>A candidate for licensure by examination shall have graduated from a physical therapy program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education or by another National organization recognized by the Board that accredits physical therapy programs.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>1 Examination</p> <p>Candidate must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)</p>
Profession definition	Licensed healthcare professionals who help injured or ill people improve their movement and manage their pain.

Army
Physical Therapist (65B) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical therapists improve Soldier readiness by treating them in areas of physical fitness, physical training, and injury prevention Provide the military community with neuro-musculoskeletal evaluation, intervention, and case management Conduct battlefield Unit Needs Assessments to determine unit mental health status and provide energy conservation assessments Supervise therapy technicians Serve as commander of companies, battalions, brigades, and medical treatment facilities
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, or physics Minimum overall GPA requirements of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale Minimum cumulative score of 1000 on the GRE (or 297 on the new GRE scale) Minimum GRE verbal score of 450 Job training offers the opportunity to teach, research and learn at various health education programs
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 100 volunteer observation hours in a physical therapy clinic Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions Perform under stress Apply critical technical and thinking skills Tremendous concentration
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM) Certified Professional in Medical Services Management (CPMSM) Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Physical Therapy Specialist Certification Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialist Certification

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember is required to have at least a bachelor's degree in biological sciences, anatomy and physiology, chemistry, or physics to perform job in the Army.</p> <p>A candidate for licensure must graduate from an approved Doctor of Physical Therapy program to satisfy education requirement.</p>
Examination Requirement	A candidate for licensure must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination to satisfy examination requirement.

Physical Therapy Board
Physical Therapy Assistant

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	Associates Degree A candidate must have graduated from a physical therapist assistant program which has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
Examination Requirement	1 Examination Candidate must pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination.
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Army
Physical Therapy Student (68F) [Enlisted]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the direction of a physical therapist and following medical referral, supervises or administers physical therapy to decrease physical disabilities and promotes physical fitness of patients. • Patient care • Administers physical therapy treatment • Promote physical fitness • Instruct personnel in the prevention of injuries • Preparing reports
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job training for a physical therapy student requires 10 weeks of Basic Combat Training and 28 weeks of Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX. • Skills learned in training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patient care ○ Working on a medical team ○ Assisting in rehabilitation physical training
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willingness to help and care for others • Ability to communicate effectively and work under stressful conditions • Interest in biology, general science, and algebra • Attention to detail
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination • Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Physical Therapy Specialist Certification • Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialist Certification • Physical Therapy Technician/Aide Certification (PTTC)

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must have graduated from a physical therapist assistant program to satisfy education requirement.</p> <p>Servicemember's Army advanced individual training and related credentials earned during time of service <u>may</u> count towards some degree credit from an academic institution.</p> <p>The servicemember's current education level would not satisfy requirement for licensure.</p>
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Coast Guard
Clinical and Rehabilitation Therapist (97) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned Corps clinical and rehabilitation therapist officers detailed to the Coast Guard, specializing in physical therapy, treat patients at the Coast Guard accession sites • Educate military recruits and cadets on how to lead healthier lifestyles. • Examine patients and develop a plan, using treatment techniques, to promote the ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability • Provide therapeutic exercises and manual therapy techniques, such as joint and soft tissue mobilization, or treatments, such as ultrasound, taping, or electrical stimulation
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College degree in physical therapy • Like other officers working in healthcare, they complete a comprehensive training program covering responsibilities, orientation to military structure, healthcare and etiquette, traditions, and leadership development
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to communicate effectively • Desire to help others • Interest in developing detailed plans and treatments • Patience to work with people whose injuries heal slowly
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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Navy
Physical Therapist (873) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and supervise physical therapy programs through patient self-referral or referral from a medical or dental officer or other health professionals in medical settings, the broader healthcare community, and the field environment; Serve as an independent practitioner and physician extender, evaluating, managing, and providing treatment to patients with neuromusculoskeletal disorders; Serve as consultant to leadership and the military community providing guidance within the areas of physical fitness, physical training, and injury prevention; Develop and conduct training programs on injury prevention and physical rehabilitation for medical and non-medical personnel; Determine requirements for physical therapy services including personnel, equipment, supplies, and continuing education; Plan and develop physical therapy treatments, procedures, and programs; Administer physical therapy diagnostic tests and treatment programs;
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctoral Degree in physical therapy from an institution accredited by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Upon completion of graduate school, those pursuing a Physical Therapist position are required to attend Officer Development School (ODS) in Newport, R.I. ODS is a five-week program that provides a comprehensive and intense introduction to the responsibilities of Navy Staff Corps Officers. Officers learn about the military structure of the U.S. Navy, its rich history of traditions and customs, leadership development and military etiquette.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale Be willing to serve a minimum of three years of Active Duty Previous experience as a physical therapist (constructive credit for work experience now offered to physical therapists) Letter of recommendation from a physical therapist currently serving in the military Current licensure required for workforce applicants (newly graduated therapists have one year to become licensed) Personal interview with an Active-Duty Physical Therapist
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Physical Therapy Examination Geriatric Physical Therapy Specialist Certification

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Navy
Physical Therapy Technician (1344) [Enlisted]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervise or administer physical therapy to decrease physical disabilities and promote physical fitness of patients, under the direction of a physical therapist and following medical referral; Assist physical therapists and/or medical officers in administering physical therapy; Assist with the development, teaching, and supervision of exercise programs and activities of daily living to enhance patient's strength, endurance, coordination, and mobility; Assist with assessment of range of motion, strength, and ambulation skills; Teach the use of ambulation aids; Apply physical modalities of whirlpool, paraffin bath, ultrasound, diathermy, infrared, hot and cold packs, and electrical stimulation; Assist with the management of a small clinic, or medium or large-sized physical therapy section
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All enlisted service members complete basic military training, which includes time spent in a classroom and in the field, and covers tactical and survival skills, physical training, military life and customs, and weapons training. Physical therapy technicians in the Navy will gain skills through classroom study, including practice in providing patient healthcare, and on-the-job experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job-specific training content may include Anatomy, physiology, and psychology; Methods of therapy, including massage, electric therapy, and radiation therapy; Handling and positioning of patients; Principles of rehabilitation; Patient care; Working on a medical team
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to communicate effectively; Interest in working with and helping people; Patience to work with people whose injuries heal slowly
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Therapist Aides Physical Therapist Assistant Physical Therapy Technician/Aide Certification (PTTC) National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination

Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	No experience requirement for licensure.
Education Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must have graduated from a physical therapist assistant program to satisfy education requirement.</p> <p>Servicemember's Navy training and related credentials earned during time of service <u>may</u> count towards some degree credit from an academic institution.</p> <p>The servicemember's current education level would not satisfy requirement for licensure.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>Servicemember can take the National Physical Therapist Assistant examination during time of service.</p> <p>Satisfies requirement for licensure if servicemember demonstrates proof of passing national examination.</p>