

Health Careers in Mississippi

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PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

About the Profession

Physical therapy assistants (PTAs) are skilled technical workers who assist in many aspects of a physical therapy service by carrying out the treatment program designed by a physical therapist. Under the supervision of a physical therapist, physical therapy assistants implement treatment programs and train patients in exercises and activities that use special equipment.

Credential/Licensure/Registration/Certification

Graduates are eligible to sit the national/state physical therapy licensure exam (PTA). Graduates must successfully pass this examination to practice in the State of Mississippi.

Work Environment

Hospitals
Rehabilitation centers
Intermediate care facilities
Community mental health programs
Physical therapy clinics
Home health agencies
Educational settings
Long term care facilities
Schools and camps

Meridian Community College
Drawer #358
Meridian, MS 39307
Telephone: (601) 484-8673

[For more information](#)

Professional Associations

American Physical Therapy Association
1111 North Fairfax Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Telephone: (800) 999-2782

[APTA Website](#)

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[EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS](#)

Program Availability

Hinds Community College
Nursing / Allied Health Center
1750 Chadwick Drive
Jackson, MS 39204
Telephone: (601) 372-6507

[For more information](#)

Class capacity: 30
Classes begin: June
Program length: 24 months
Degree: AAS

Itawamba Community College
602 W Hill Street
Fulton, MS 38843
Telephone: (601) 862-3101

[For more information](#)

Pearl River Community College
101 Hwy 11 North Box 5120
Poplarville, MS 39470
Telephone: (601) 795-6801

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Class capacity: 20
Classes begin: Aug
Program length: 22 months
Degree: AAS

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