



# PHYSICAL THERAPY

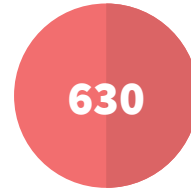
COLLEGE. CREDENTIAL. CAREER.



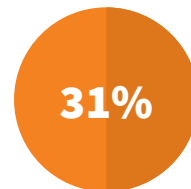
## Physical Therapy is a Hot Job in Michigan

Physical therapist assistants spend their days interacting with people, whether with a patient or as part of a clinical team. They make a difference in people's lives by helping them improve their mobility and wellness. This career offers people a way to have a hands-on impact in serving people of all ages and abilities to get moving.

To succeed in this field, physical therapist assistants need to be strong communicators and must develop knowledge in anatomy and physiology, clinical practice, and psychology, as understanding how the body moves is essential in helping people of all ages prevent and recover from injury. Physical therapist assistants should be comfortable being in close contact with patients, as well. Certifications are available in a variety of areas, including geriatrics, pediatrics, and wound management.



Projected job openings annually



Estimated job growth



Hourly rates for physical therapist assistants

## Cool Classes You Can Take

Physical therapist assistants don't just memorize anatomy and physiology vocabulary. You'll also get to learn about the connection between the brain and movement through classes such as:

### Neuro-rehabilitation Techniques

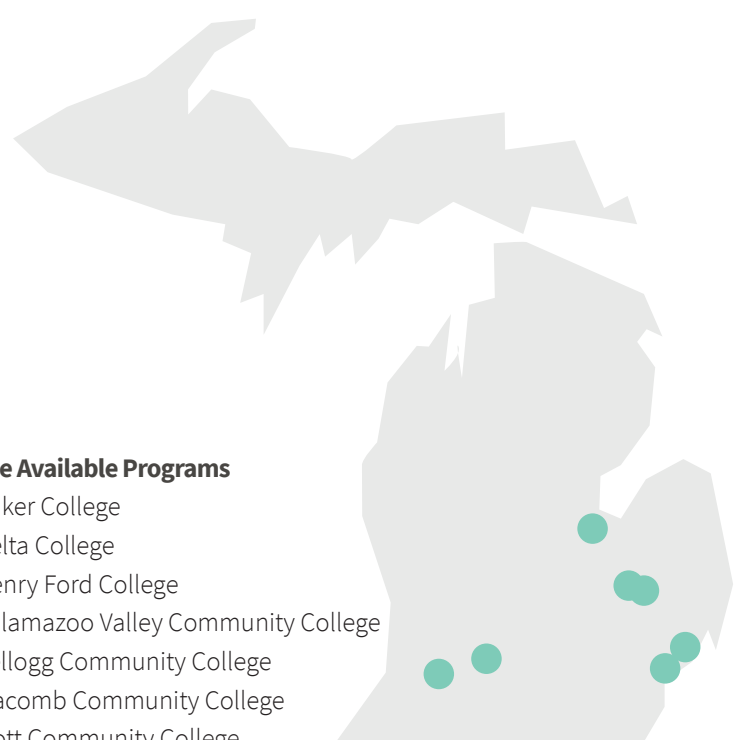
Here you learn how to apply concepts like motor control to the rehabilitation process of individuals with neurological dysfunction. This class teaches you how to help people with spinal injuries.

### Physical Agents

Learn all about how to use ultrasound technology, cryotherapy, thermal agents, hydrotherapy, and therapeutic massage to help patients improve their lives.

## Financial Help

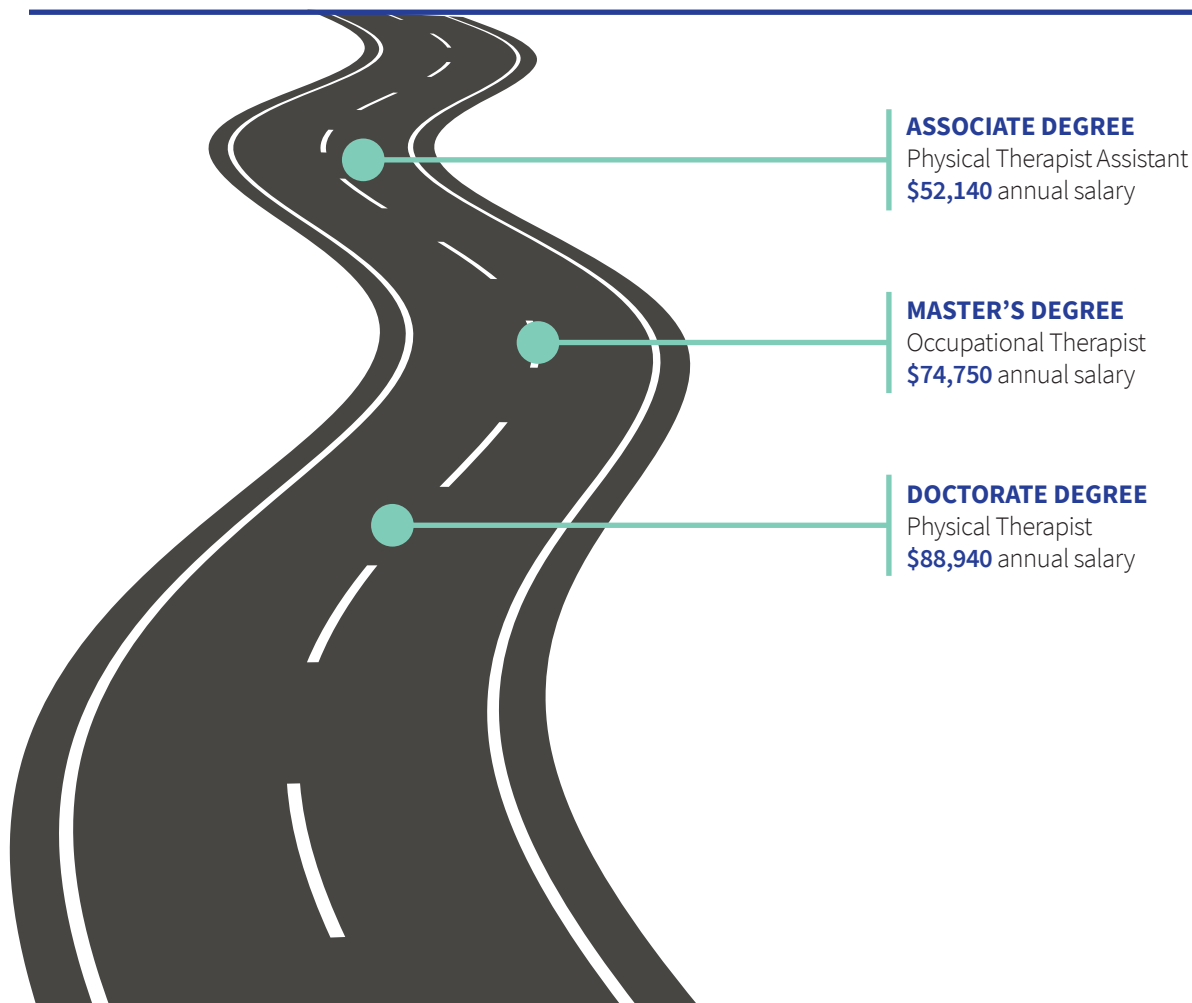
There are many federal grants, work-study funds, and low-interest loans available to help students cover the costs of tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and other college-related expenses. The first step in securing necessary financial aid is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)).



### Some Available Programs

- Baker College
- Delta College
- Henry Ford College
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College
- Kellogg Community College
- Macomb Community College
- Mott Community College

There are many different education and career paths in **PHYSICAL THERAPY**. Here are a few you might follow after graduating from high school.



#### WHERE

**College** refers to an educational institution or establishment that provides education beyond high school and/or specialized professional training that is credit bearing.

#### WHAT

A **credential** verifies an individual's qualification or competence in a particular area and is usually issued by colleges in the form of certificates and academic degrees.

#### WHY

A **career** is a series of jobs that offers opportunities for advancement and provides a path to economic independence.

#### WHEN

Now! Don't wait to go to **college** to earn a **credential** that leads not only to your first job but also to a full and rewarding **career**!



To learn more about this pathway, check out the video at [roadmap2opportunity.org](http://roadmap2opportunity.org).

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