

Career Spotlight:

What does a Physiotherapist do?

You'll help people improve their mobility and regain their independence after an injury or operation, or as a result of ageing or a disability.

How do you become a Physiotherapist?

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

You can do a degree in physiotherapy approved by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

You may be able to do a 2-year postgraduate course if you've got a degree in a relevant subject like biological science, psychology or sports science.

You'll usually need:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including biology
- a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

Average Salary

From £25,654 to £45, 838 (Average £39, 000)

The UK average salary is £28,758

Typical Working Week

34 Hours

There are 37.5 hours in the average working week

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Day-to-Day Tasks

Examples of day-to-day tasks, you could do:

- help patients with spine and joint problems
- help patients recover from accidents, sports injuries and strokes
- work with children who have mental or physical disabilities
- help older people with physical problems to become more mobile

Working environment

 You could work at a hospice, at a client's home, at a GP practice, at an adult care home, in an NHS or private hospital or at a fitness centre.

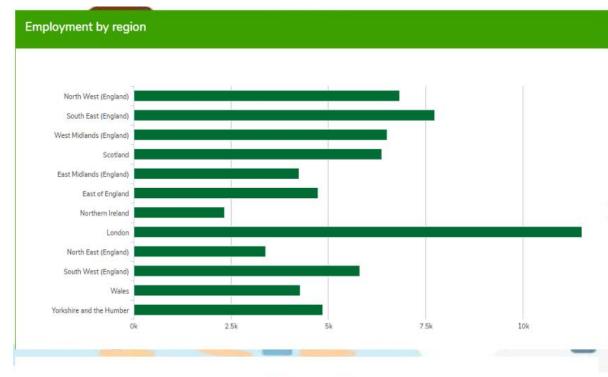
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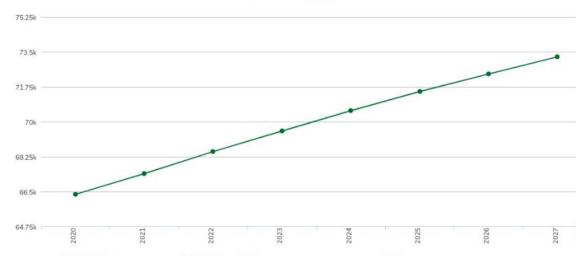


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Future employment



17% Male and 83% Female The UK workforce is 53% Male and 47% Female

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of medicine and how the body works
- sensitivity and understanding
- to enjoy working with other people
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- analytical thinking skills
- knowledge of psychology
- to be flexible and open to change
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

 pass <u>enhanced background checks</u> as you may work with children and vulnerable adults