

Health Care: A Career For Life

PHYSIOTHERAPIST (NOC 3142)

Physiotherapists assess patients and plan and carry out individually designed treatment programs to maintain, improve or restore physical functioning, alleviate pain and prevent physical dysfunctioning in patients. Physiotherapists are employed in hospitals, clinics, industry, sports organizations, rehabilitation centres and extended care facilities, or they may work in private practice.

TRAINING & EDUCATION ROUTES

University of Manitoba – Physical Therapy Program

NEW: University of Manitoba - Master of Physical Therapy Program

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Earnings

\$57,000 starting
\$64,100 average
\$78,000 high

Recommended High School Courses

Senior 4
Chemistry 40S, Physics 40S, Biology 40S
Math 40S (Pre-Calculus or Applied)

Pre-professional programs offered at Brandon University, Canadian Mennonite University & University of Winnipeg

LINKS TO SITES

- Manitoba Physiotherapy Association www.mbphysio.org
- The College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba www.manitobaphysio.com
- Canadian Physiotherapy Association www.physiotherapy.ca
- The Physiotherapy Profession in Canada
www.umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/spotlights/physiotherapy.html
- Canadian Academy of Manipulative Therapy <http://manipulativetherapy.org>
- Sport Physiotherapy Canada www.sportphysio.ca
- How does Physiotherapy differ from other Health Professions? www.mbphysio.org/comparison.htm

What is Physiotherapy?

Physiotherapy, also known as Physical Therapy, is a health care profession dedicated to rehabilitation, prevention and education. In performing these roles, physiotherapists take the holistic approach to the individual. Physical agents and specialized techniques are used to help the individual attain maximum functional independence with minimal complications. Education of patients, families and the public plays an important role in both the rehabilitation and prevention aspects of physiotherapy.

A sound knowledge of normal structure and function of the body and good communication skills are basic to the practice of the profession. The practice of physiotherapy incorporates areas such as administration, teaching, private practice, community practice, working with sports teams, working with others in a hospital using the team approach, and acting as consultants.

Research into physiotherapy procedures and principles is a rapidly developing area that provides for the evaluation and development of appropriate treatment techniques. The possibilities for research include basic science, or interdisciplinary research. Research contributes to an increased knowledge base, a more effective approach to patient care and growth of the profession.

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Master of Physical Therapy Program <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/medrehab/pt/index.html>

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PHYSICAL THERAPY

Physiotherapy is fundamental health service directed towards the attainment and maintenance of the health of all members of society. The evolving role of Physiotherapy requires that the entry-level physiotherapist must be a reflective practitioner, constantly re-evaluating all aspects of practice. Physiotherapists are independent practitioners who possess a wide breadth of knowledge to provide their clients (patients), groups or organizations with evidence based interventions. Physiotherapists can work as primary health care professionals collaborating with other health care professionals in the community and work with organizations as an integral part of the interdisciplinary team.

The Department of Physical Therapy of the School of Medical Rehabilitation has as its primary purpose the preparation of entry-level physiotherapists who are capable of meeting the continuously changing demands of the health environment. This preparation directs the student to a challenging and vibrant profession whose growth has been promoted through scientific inquiry and reflection.

The Faculty assumes the responsibility for providing the educational program. This responsibility includes tutoring, stimulating and motivating the student by planned and informal instruction in an environment where learning is the accepted and expected behaviour. In this environment the student is encouraged to express his/her opinions, to develop critical reasoning and to develop a professional code of ethics.

The courses of study serve as the foundation for a career that encourages lifelong learning to sustain professional competency and to ensure the well-being and welfare of the citizens served by physiotherapists.

The graduate of this program will be a skilled novice practitioner who possesses the abilities to provide competent and compassionate interventions. He/she will conscientiously fulfill his/her obligation as a Physiotherapist to the community, the members of the health team and the profession.

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