



## Physiotherapist

### What does a Physiotherapist do?

Physiotherapists care for persons with physical disabilities and for those who have pain or loss of physical function. Physiotherapy involves promotion of motor development and coordination, reduction of pain to improve movement, strengthening of weakened muscles, designing exercises to increase joint range and breathing control, and improving balance and motor control for better performance and function.

### What training can you do in the NT to become a Physiotherapist?

Schools training physiotherapists are available in every State except Northern Territory and Tasmania. Minimum requirements for Northern Territory school leavers are HSC with some science subjects. Physiotherapy is a 4 year course involving both lectures and practical placements, final year placements being available within the NT.

### Career Opportunities

Physiotherapists work in many different locations throughout the Northern Territory including:

- public and private hospitals
- rehabilitation centres
- community health settings
- nursing homes
- schools
- rural communities
- private practice

### Salary

Salaries in the NT public system are in accordance to the professional scale.

Link to Office Commission Public Employment for current Salary Scales:

[http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/public\\_sector/rates-of-pay/general.pdf](http://www.nt.gov.au/ocpe/public_sector/rates-of-pay/general.pdf)

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