



Physical Therapist Assistants

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Current and Future Employment

In the Los Angeles and Orange Counties, employment for physical therapist assistants is expected to increase by 27% between 2015 and 2020. In 2015, there were a total of 2,101 jobs in the region. By 2020, it is estimated that there will be 2,669 jobs, an increase of 568. The median hourly earnings for physical therapist assistants are \$32.98.

Table 1 – Physical Therapist Assistant occupational employment

SOC	Description	2015 Jobs	2020 Jobs	2015-2020 Change	2015-2020 % Change	Annual Openings	Median Hourly Earnings
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistant	2,101	2,669	568	27%	185	\$32.98

Source: EMSI Employment Data – 2016.2

Job Postings, Employers & Locations

In 2015, there were a total of 1,122 job postings for physical therapist assistants in Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Table 2 – Employer job postings

SOC Code	Occupation	Job Postings, Full Year 2015
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistant	1,122

Source: Burning Glass

Table 3 lists the top employers hiring physical therapist assistants. At the top of the list were Genesis Healthcare Corporation (114 job postings), Ensign Therapy (14), and Antelope Valley Hospital (10). Less than 40% of job postings included the name of the employer.

Table 3 – Top Employers (n=1,122)

Employer	Job Postings, Full Year 2015
Genesis Healthcare Corporation	114
Ensign Therapy	14
Antelope Valley Hospital	10
Providence Health & Services	10
Interface Rehabilitation	9
Therapists Unlimited	9
Dignity Health	9
HCR ManorCare	8
United States Healthworks	8
Reliant Rehabilitation	6

Source: Burning Glass

Table 4 lists the top 10 cities in the Los Angeles and Orange Counties where physical therapist assistant job postings are most concentrated. The cities with the most job postings are: Los Angeles (330 job postings), Long Beach (65), and Santa Monica (49).

Table 4 – Top Locations (n=1,122)

Locations	Job Postings, Full Year 2015
Los Angeles	330
Long Beach	65
Santa Monica	49
Torrance	36
Glendale	30
Santa Ana	28
Orange	27
Anaheim	27
El Monte	23
Fullerton	20

Source: Burning Glass

Educational Programs

Currently, Cerritos is the only community college in the region that prepares students for physical therapist assistant jobs. In the last three years, a total of 58 awards have been conferred in the region (3-year average was 19).

Table 5 – Student Awards (by Program)

Top Code	Program	College Name	Annual 2012-2013	Annual 2013-2014	Annual 2014-2015	3-Year Average
1222.00	Physical Therapist Assistant	Cerritos	33	11	14	19
Total			33	11	14	19

Source: <http://datamart.cccco.edu/>