Test Your Knowledge of the Education of Licensed California Physical Therapists

What subject matters must licensed physical therapists master to get their degrees?

- Anatomy
- Biology
- Pathology
- Physiology
- Chemistry
- Kinesiology
- Nerve conduction
- Physics
- Ethics
- Statistics
- Research
- Clinical Internships
- Differential Diagnosis
- Biomechanics
- Patient Management

What is the entry educational level to become a physical therapist?

- Master’s or Doctoral Degree

To be licensed in California, a physical therapist must complete the following:

- Graduate from an accredited physical therapy program (2-3 year post-graduate)
- Pass state exam
- Pass national exam

What types of specialties are practiced by licensed physical therapists?

- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Orthopedics
- Sports Medicine
- Neurology
- Cardiovascular and Pulmonary
- Aquatics
- Hand rehabilitation
- Lymphedema
- Oncology
- Home health
- Women’s health
- Wound management

Where do licensed physical therapists practice?

- Hospitals
- Outpatient clinics
- Medical offices
- Private practices
- Inpatient rehabilitation facilities
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Extended care or sub-acute facilities
- Research Centers
- Universities
- Hospices
- Corporate settings
- Industrial workplaces
- Fitness centers
- Sports training facilities
- Home health agencies
Rigorous coursework and high academic standards are required of all licensed physical therapists in California.

California Physical Therapists are educated at the highest academic levels.

Physical therapists’ rigorous training and tough licensing standards make them uniquely qualified, competent and trusted members of a patient’s healthcare team.

Californians should have the ability to **directly access** these experts in human movement and physical performance.