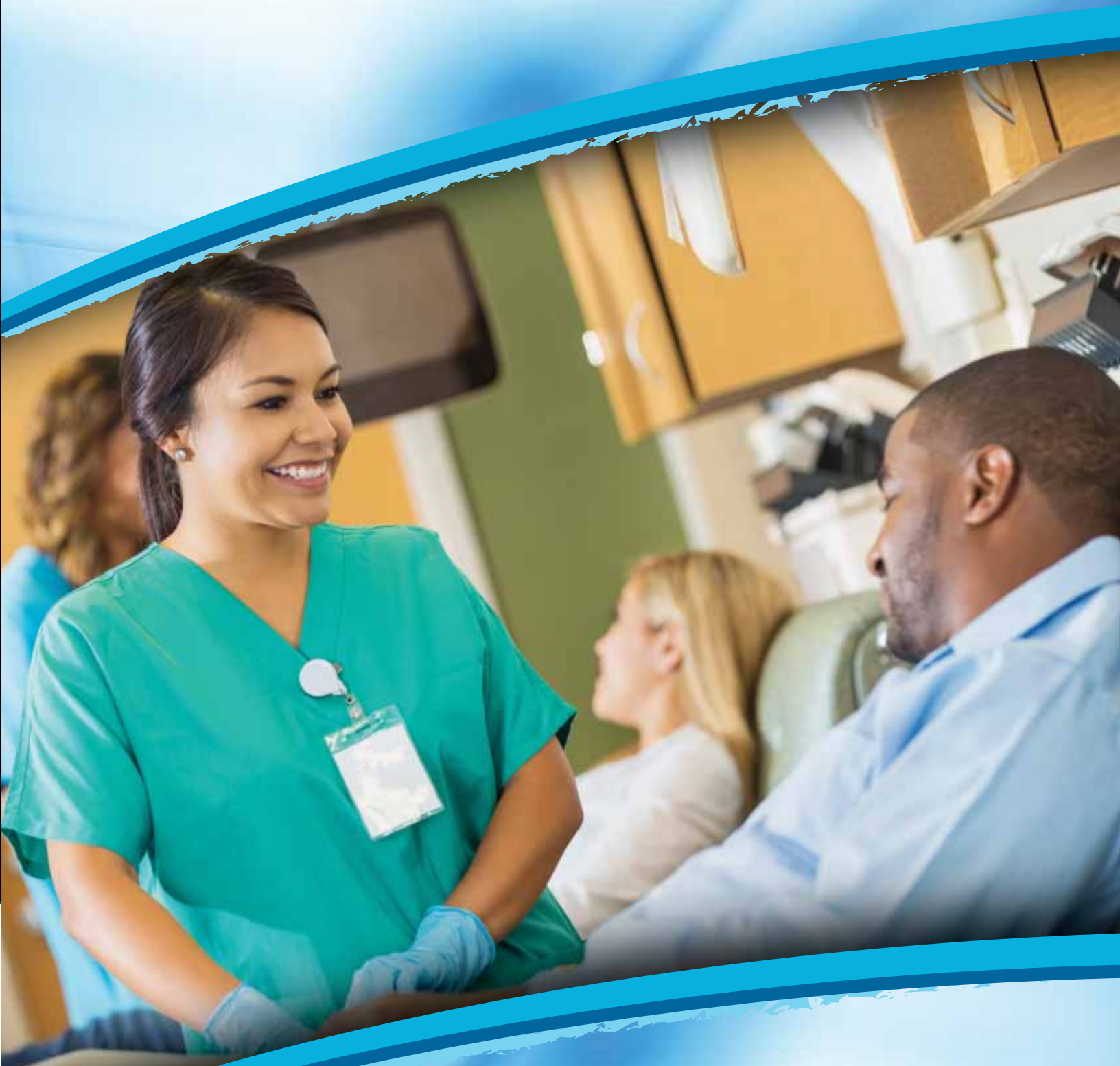


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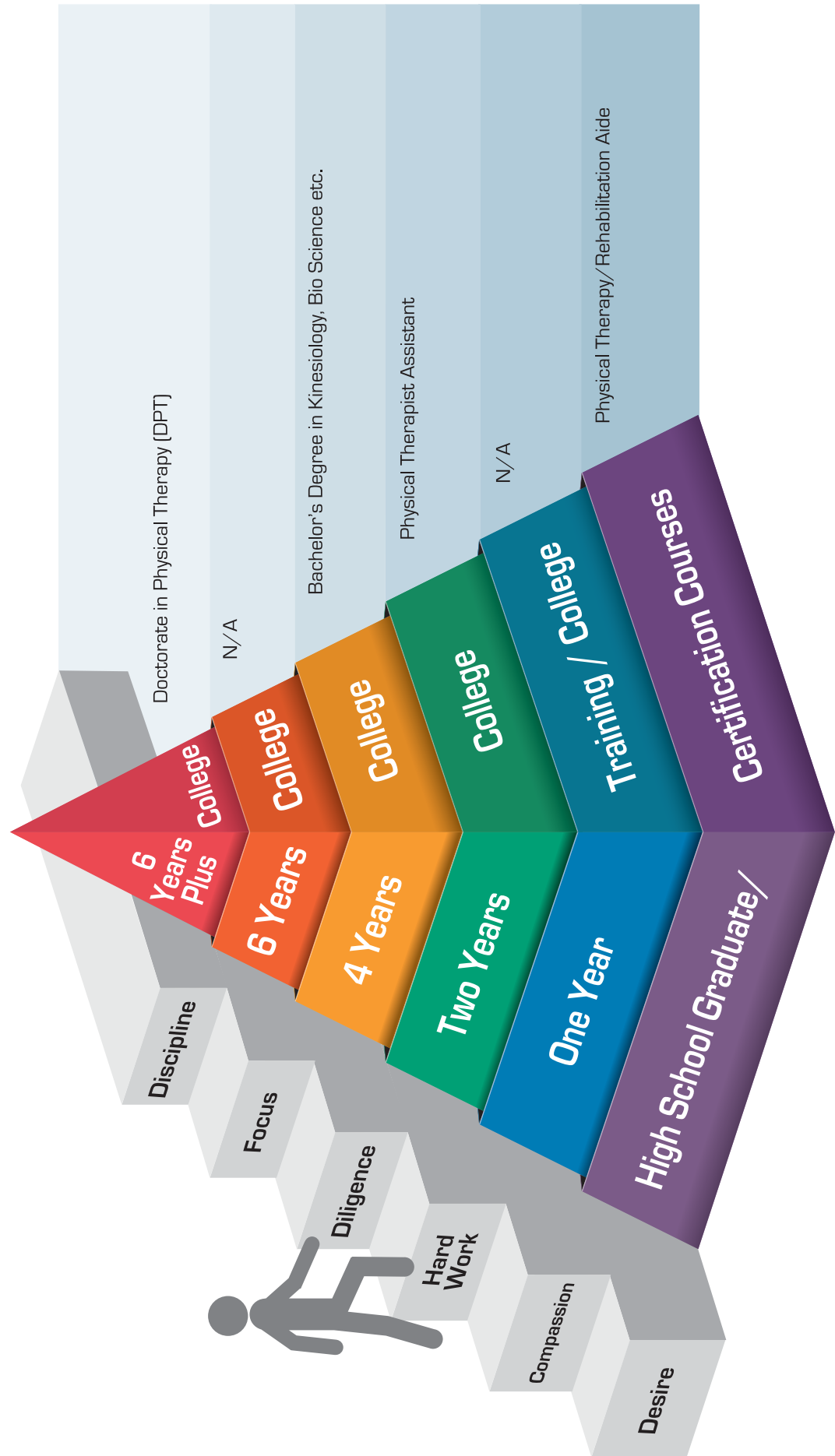
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Physical Therapy Career Pathways



Physical Therapist/Rehabilitation Aide

Job Description: Under close supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, performs only delegated, selected, or routine tasks in specific situations. These duties include preparing the patient and the treatment area, cleaning treatment areas and equipment, and the handling of clerical tasks.

Educational Requirements: Physical therapist aides have a high school diploma and receive on-the-job training or take a short course offered by an educational institution (ROP, Adult School or Community College).

Salary Range: \$25,000 to \$28,000 per year



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Physical Therapist Assistant

Job Description: Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) work with physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific treatments, according to patient status and within the scope of treatment plans established by a physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants must have strength and stamina. Requires 2 years of formal training from an accredited college.

Educational Requirements: Must be licensed by the State of California. Licensing requires either completion of an associate degree accredited* program in physical therapist assistant, or three years of experience as a physical therapy aide plus some related college coursework, or five years of experience as a physical therapy aide. Visit www.ptbc.ca.gov/ for more licensing information.

*Program must be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

Salary Range: \$55,000 to \$66,000 per year



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<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm>

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Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology, Biological Sciences or Exercise Physiology

This degree does not provide any “job ready skills.” To find gainful employment, the student must advance their career to the next level with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT), or a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy or change their major to Physical Education with a teaching credential. Another option is to pursue licensure in a related allied health occupation that requires a two-year Associate Degree specialized training: Physical Therapist Assistant, Occupational Therapy Assistant, or Sports Medicine/Athletic Trainer. *

Job Description: N/A

Educational Requirements: Note: If you are planning to pursue a DPT degree it is important to plan your 4 year educational schedule in concert with the prerequisites required by the college you plan to attend. Prerequisites for DPT school vary widely. Use this link to download a “Summary of Course Prerequisites for Programs” from the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service: <http://www.ptcas.org/ProgramPrereqs/>

Salary Range: N/A

For Additional Information:

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Physical Therapist (DPT)

Job Description: Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Educational Requirements: Must obtain a Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree (typically 3 years post-baccalaureate). Must have a baccalaureate GPA of 3.0 or higher for admission and admission is very competitive. Mandatory in California; PTs must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Visit www.ptbc.ca.gov/ for additional licensing information.

Salary Range: \$84,000 to \$95,350 per year (CA Occupational Employment & Wages – 2016)



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<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapists.htm>

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