### **Employment Opportunities**

Self Employed - Clinic Graduates of BSPT programs who passed the licensure are expected to be able to perform any of the following roles:

- Clinician
- Educator
- Administrator

Physical Therapists can therefore work in various settings:

- Hospitals and other healthcare and community-based facilities
- Large physical rehabilitation centers
- Industrial companies
- Academe
  - Home healthcare services
  - Wellness and fitness centers
  - Research institutions

With enough experience, a Physical Therapist can apply to work in countries that offer attractive compensation like the US, Middle East and some countries in Europe.

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A Physical Therapist provides services to people to develop, maintain and restore maximum movement and functional ability throughout the lifespan. He is concerned with identifying and maximizing movement potential within the spheres of promotion, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. Physical Therapists use various exercise and physical modalities like heat, cold, light water, manual manipulation and electricity to preserve human health, individual functionality and over-all societal productivity.

#### **Functions**

- Assesses patient's functional status and identifies problem areas
- Sets goals to address concerns
- Plans intervention and implements program that is based on goals sets
- Documents patients evaluation and progress

- Communicates with referring physicians, other members of the health team and family
- Participates in professional activities like continuing education to upgrade skills and competence
- Joins professional organizations to broaden perspective of the profession

#### **Skills and Competencies**

A Physical Therapist must demonstrate the ability to:

- Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing
- Teach, consult and advise
- Work independently and as a member of a team
- Conduct a thorough evaluation/reevaluation of patients
- Plan and carry out comprehensive treatment programs

- Prepare and maintain accurate, concise case records of patients
- Utilize computer software programs relevant to practice

#### Basic Educational Requirement

To become a Physical Therapist, one has to graduate with a 5-year Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy degree from a Commission on Higher Education-accredited institution. The curriculum includes a 10 month clinical training or internship that exposes students to different practice settings.

#### Cost of Education

A Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy program costs about P 35,000 – P 60,000 per semester in a private college and university. It is about 20% - 40% less in state colleges and universities.