



AIR FORCE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST



DIGITAL EDITION



I love being an Air Force Physical Therapist! To know that I play a big role in keeping our fighting force working at optimal levels is a great feeling, and a driving force to help me become a better clinician.

- Captain Matt Jimenez

HEALTH AND READINESS

Being physically fit and staying active are part of daily life in the Air Force. Sometimes a mishap occurs though, that impacts a person's health and ability to perform normal duties.

As an Air Force Physical Therapist, it's your job to help individuals overcome their physical impairment and get back on their feet. You have an important role in maintaining the health and readiness of your fellow Air Force members.

YOUR PRACTICE

Working in both direct access and referral-based care settings with some of the most advanced technologies and facilities in the world, you'll evaluate the musculoskeletal conditions of your patients and administer evidence-based treatment programs. These may include manual therapy, dry needling rehabilitative exercises and other techniques designed to help alleviate pain, restore function and prevent chronic conditions from reoccurring.

You'll also be able to practice Physical Therapy at a level beyond your civilian counterparts, with privileges to order diagnostic imaging, prescribe basic pharmaceuticals and refer patients directly to specialty clinics.

You'll provide care for a highly diverse population of Airmen and their families and will have access to a vast consultation network of physicians, occupational therapists and other healthcare professionals.

Along with planning, developing and managing physical therapy programs and activities, you may be called upon to develop and implement teaching and research programs. You may also serve as a liaison between the Air Force, civilian and other governmental agencies involved with physical therapy programs.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES CORPS

As an Air Force Physical Therapist, you'll be a member of the Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC) and also a highly respected member of one of the world's premiere healthcare teams.

You'll enter active duty with the rank of captain and attend the five-week Commissioned Officer Training program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

We'll give you the tools and training needed to succeed in your career. You'll achieve professional growth and development through leadership experiences, on-the-job training and continuing education.

To help keep you current in your field or become an advanced specialist, we'll pay for your specialty board certification along with professional seminars or conferences. And you'll never have to worry about losing income or arranging for someone to care for your patients while you're away.



AIR FORCE ADVANTAGE

The Air Force has distinct advantages over a civilian practice. You'll see patients based on their needs and not their ability to pay. Along with no malpractice insurance to worry about, you won't have to deal with overhead expenses or red tape associated with HMOs.

You may also have opportunities to participate in humanitarian missions around the world. These opportunities not only enhance your career, they enrich your life with experiences that are unmatched in a civilian practice.

QUALITY OF LIFE

The Air Force quality of life is hard to beat. As a Physical Therapist, you'll enjoy many perks including:

- ✔ Excellent starting salary with regular pay raises and promotions.
- ✔ 30 days of vacation with pay each year.
- ✔ Continuing education opportunities.
- ✔ Tax-free housing and food allowances.
- ✔ Comprehensive medical and dental care.
- ✔ Opportunities to live, work and travel worldwide.
- ✔ Generous retirement program.



QUALIFICATIONS

To become an Air Force Physical Therapist, you must meet these qualifications:

Complete a course in physical therapy acceptable to the Air Force Surgeon General.

Have an entry-level doctor of physical therapy or transitional (e.g. post-professional) doctor of physical therapy.

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be commissioned as an Air Force officer by age 42.

Have a current unrestricted physical therapy license prior to entering active duty.



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To learn more about becoming an Air Force Physical Therapist, contact your local Air Force Health Professions recruiter or call 1-800-588-5260.

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