

Therapy & Rehabilitation Careers

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PHYSICAL REHABILITATION THERAPIST



These therapists treat patients who have been evaluated by a physiotherapist or physician. They restore or increase each patient's physical independence, and also record individual progress. Physiotherapy Technologists work primarily in hospitals, nursing and long-term care homes, rehabilitation centres, CLSCs and some private clinics.



Salary: \$23.58 to \$32.28 per hour



Certification: 3 year DCS in Physiotherapy Technology (CEGEP Dawson College)
Graduates of a college program must become members of the *Ordre professionnel de la physiothérapie du Québec*.



Pre-requisites: Diploma of Secondary Studies (DES), plus Secondary IV Mathematics: Cultural, Social and Technical Option and Secondary V Physics. Candidates must submit a 200-300 word handwritten letter of intent.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



These therapists help people of all ages with physical disabilities, injuries or mental health disorders to regain the skills they need for everyday living. They assess the client's needs and help them physically adapt or re-organize their workplace or living situation for daily activities. Occupational therapists may help a child with disabilities who is adapting to school life, a senior suffering from severe arthritis, or a person recuperating from a car accident. They work in rehabilitation centres, hospitals, nursing and long-term care homes, and CLSCs.



Salary: \$25.50 to \$45.64 per hour



Certification: (5-6 years of university) M.Sc. Applied in Occupational Therapy offered at McGill University



Pre-requisites: CEGEP diploma (DEC) and Bachelor of Rehabilitation Science (OT) and the Qualifying Year to the M.Sc.A. (OT)



KINESIOLOGIST



Kinesiologists use physical movement to help their patients improve their health and their performance goals. They conduct fitness and movement tests and assessments, and design exercise programs for their clients during rehabilitation following an illness or injury. Kinesiologists also promote the benefits of physical activity and lifestyle habits to improve health.



Salary: \$22.38 to \$41.20 per hour



Certification: (4 years of university) B.Sc. in Exercise Science or Athletic Therapy offered at Concordia University or B.Sc. in Kinesiology at McGill University



Pre-requisites: CEGEP diploma (DEC) with the following additional Math / Science Courses: Calculus 1 and Calculus 2 and Linear Algebra; Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism and Wave, Optics and Modern Physics; General Chemistry and Chemistry of Solutions; General Biology or Natural Science



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PHYSIOTHERAPIST



Physiotherapists work with patients to improve their ability to perform regular physical tasks. They assign therapy techniques suited to the patient's medical assessment and use special equipment where necessary. They also record their patients' progress and give them information for improving their physical functioning after rehabilitation.



Salary: \$25.49 to \$45.42 per hour



Certification: (5-6 years of university) M.Sc. Applied, in Physical Therapy offered at McGill University



Pre-requisites: CEGEP diploma (DEC) and B.Sc. degree or equivalent in Physical or Occupational Therapy or a related field



SPEECH THERAPIST



These therapists conduct the diagnosis and treatment of vocal disorders in speech, voice, or language. They assess clients' problems such as lack of articulation, dyslexia, or stuttering, and plan treatments that support each patient's speech progress, independence, and social integration. Speech Therapists work primarily in hospitals, rehabilitation centres, nursing and long-term care homes, as well as CLSCs. They may also work for school boards or in private practice.



Salary: \$23.43 to \$43.25 per hour



Certification: (5-6 years of university) M.Sc. (Applied) Speech-Language Pathology offered at McGill University. To be a practicing speech therapist, you must be a member of the *Ordre professionnel des orthophonistes et audiologistes du Québec*.



Pre-requisites: CEGEP diploma (DEC) and Bachelor's degree with an emphasis in basic sciences, but the McGill program is also intended to accommodate students with undergraduate degrees from different fields.



AUDIOLOGIST



Audiologists specialize in diagnosing, treating, and preventing hearing disorders. They assess the hearing abilities of each client and identify the causes of the disability. Audiologists help restore the patient's ability to hear and communicate by the use of hearing aids, communication strategies, sign language, or modifications to the workplace or living situation.



Salary: \$23.43 to \$43.25 per hour



Certification: (5-6 years of university) Master of Health Sciences in Audiology, or Maîtrise professionnelle en audiologie (M.P.A.) (Professional master's degree in Audiology, Université de Montréal)



Pre-requisites: CEGEP diploma (DEC) and Bachelor's degree

