Career options: Physiotherapy

Upon completion of the Master of Physiotherapy, you will find employment as a physiotherapist in hospitals, private practices, community health initiatives, schools, sporting teams and the armed forces. You may also be involved in research or teaching initiatives, or as a consultant to industry and government bodies.

In addition to knowledge and skills directly related to your program of study, you will also develop a range of other skills (e.g. teamwork, analytical, communication) through academic study, employment, voluntary work, sporting activities and life experience. Recognising the value employers place on these skills is an important factor in your graduate job search.

Occupations and industries

Physiotherapy graduates are employed in a wide range of occupations and industries including:

- Aged care centres
- Corporate health centres
- Health departments
- Health promotion agencies
- Hospitals & outpatients clinics
- Insurance companies
- Medical testing clinics
- Private practice
- Rehabilitation services
- Schools
- Sports institutes & clubs
- Sports medicine centres
- Education

Positions and employers

Many graduate employers recruit from a wide range of disciplines. The major directory of graduate recruitment in Australia, Graduate Opportunities, lists employers by the disciplines from which they are recruiting. You might be surprised by the range of employers recruiting from your degree and the sectors of the workplace where you might establish a career.

Examples of Griffith Physiotherapy graduate positions and employers include:

- Physiotherapist: Allamanda Private Hospital
- Physiotherapist: Allsports
- Physiotherapist: Department of Defence
- Physiotherapist: Department of Health And Human Services
- Physiotherapist: Hunter Area Health
- Physiotherapist: Ipswich Hospital
- Physiotherapist: Janine Evans Physiotherapy
- Physiotherapist: Logan Hospital
- Physiotherapist: Newton Enterprises
- Physiotherapist: North East Health Wangara
- Physiotherapist: Northern Rivers Health
- Physiotherapist: New South Wales Health
- Physiotherapist: Peter Bishop
- Physiotherapist: Physio And Pilates Exercise Centre
Physiotherapist | Pine Ridge Physiotherapy  
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Physiotherapist | Prince Of Wales Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Queensland Health  
Physiotherapist | All Care Physiotherapy  
Physiotherapist | Beenleigh And Districts Seniors Citizen Centre  
Physiotherapist | Prince Charles Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Rivive Ashgrove  
Physiotherapist | Princess Alexandra Hospital  
Physiotherapist | The Physiotherapy Centre  
Physiotherapist | Adult Community Health – Queensland Health  
Physiotherapist | Leap Health Physiotherapy And Rehabilitation Centre  
Physiotherapist | New South Wales Health  
Physiotherapist | Werribee Mercy Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Active Care Physio Therapy  
Physiotherapist | Nambour Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Department Health And Human Services Tasmania  
Physiotherapist | Gold Coast Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Gold Coast Hospital  
Physiotherapist | Health Strong  
Physiotherapist | Martyr Hospital Brisbane  
Physiotherapist | Artius Health

**Vacancies on-line**

**Australia**

- [Australian Defence Force Recruiting](#)  
- [Australian Public Service recruitment](#)  
- [Brisbane City Council vacancies](#)  
- [CareCareers disability support vacancies](#)  
- [Careerone](#)  
- [Graduate Opportunities (the major directory of graduate recruitment in Australia)](#)  
- [Health and Community Jobs (HACjobs) Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association](#)  
- [vacancy listings](#)  
- [MyCareer medical and healthcare vacancies](#)  
- [Pharmaceutical Jobs (healthcare, medical, scientific and pharmaceutical vacancies)](#)  
- [ProBono Australia (Skilled professionals voluntary positions in not for profit organisations)](#)  
- [Queensland Government Jobs](#)  
- [Recruitment agencies in Australia](#)  
- [Seek (specialising in graduate recruitment, Australia wide)](#)  
- [SportsPeople Personnel Consultants (recruitment agency specialising in sports, leisure, fitness and aquatics jobs in Australia and overseas)](#)  
- [Unigrad](#)  
- [Your World Healthcare](#)  
- [Careerjet employment search engine](#)

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Targeting potential employers

Many work opportunities are not advertised. It is common practice for jobseekers to search out these opportunities. When approaching potential employers, conducting research to identify links between your selling points (your skills, experience, interests and qualifications) and an employer’s needs, increases your chances of success. Research will also reduce the number of approaches you need to make, saving you time in the end. Developing and using your personal and professional networks is also a valuable tool in finding these ‘hidden’ opportunities.

- Approved Rehabilitation support service providers in Australia
- Australian Government departments
- Australian sports industry directory (Australian Government directory)
- Sports associations and organisations (AUSSPORT)
- Directory of health & fitness centres in Australia
- Local governments in Australia
- Not for Profit organizations in Australia
- Physiotherapy practices in Australia
- Private and public hospitals in Australia
- Queensland Government Departments
- Sports and recreation directory
- Sport Medicine Australia directory of members
- Work Cover

Employment prospects and starting salaries

Grad Jobs and Dollars provides information on employment rates and median starting salaries by field of study, for Australian university graduates surveyed four months after graduation. Information on occupations Australia-wide, such as the size of the workforce, employment prospects and average weekly earnings is available from JobOutlook.

Professional associations

Joining a professional association is a great way to meet people in your field, who can assist you to explore your career options and potentially find employment opportunities. These associations exist in every field of employment and hold regular professional development and networking events. Students are welcome to join, and membership and can cost as little as $60 per year.
Registration as a physiotherapist

To practice in Australia, physiotherapists must be registered with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

Other career-related links

- Pathways to careers in health
- Graduate Entry Medicine and Dentistry Admissions Test (GAMSAT)
Sample job advertisements

**Sports Care Physiotherapy** is now inviting new graduates or 1st year Physios to apply for a position, commencing between November and February.

Sports Care Physiotherapy has had a new graduate training program for 13 years. Twelve new graduates have completed this program. The Sports Care Physiotherapy new graduate training program is a 1 year position that is designed to equip junior physiotherapists with the skills required to be a successful private practitioner.

The job includes mentoring, education and support. Graduates will work with senior Olympic, and sports physiotherapists to consolidate their undergraduate learning in a private practice setting.

The successful applicant will undertake Sports Care Physiotherapy’s graduate training program which includes attendance at practice in-service meetings, case review meetings to guide clinical decision making. Appropriate appointment time scheduling and observation with experienced practitioners help this learning process.

The position may include working with sports teams and attending some training or games. The position is for a 12 month period. For information about the practice and the new graduate program, go to www.sportscarephysiotherapyhobart.com.au

Sports Care utilises a fully equipped rehabilitation gym and personal trainers to supervise rehabilitation programs.

**Coast Consultant Physiotherapy** - Would you like flexibility in your working hours whilst earning great rates? Opportunities are currently available for physiotherapists who enjoy making a difference for their clients and enjoy a successful work/life balance.

Coast Consultant Physiotherapy specialises in providing rehabilitation services to a range of clients in the community and aged care settings. We offer a varied caseload including neurological, orthopaedic, cardiorespiratory and post-surgical/deconditioned clients. Physiotherapists with an interest in slow stream rehabilitation, individual one on one and group based exercise therapy, fall prevention, manual handling training and injury prevention are encouraged to apply.

Your role will include a mixture of community and residential clients.

The community component will involve:

- Visiting community clients once referred to assess and report on their current needs and devise a therapy plan to meet goals based on those assessed needs
- Advising on the required frequency of visit and be able to schedule your time efficiently to consult with numerous clients

The residential aged care facility component of your role will include:

- Working with the health care staff at the facility to assess new residents when they enter the facility
- Advise on manual handling requirements and design therapy programs to meet any assessed needs and goals
- Directing appropriate staff to complete funded interventions as guided by the ACFI

Your role will also include monitoring of aids and equipment, upgrading or downgrading clients required aids as necessary, monitoring falls within the facility in conjunction with a multidisciplinary team and providing solutions to minimise the fall risk. You will have therapy time available to complete one on one or group therapy/rehabilitation sessions pending the current resident mix and your strengths/preferences with regards to interventions.

Part-time, casual and contractor positions are available for immediate start. All applicants must be registered, or be eligible for, dual registration with both the Queensland and NSW Board of Physiotherapy and have or be willing to obtain a police name check. Qualifications in training and assessment are
SOS Physiotherapy is seeking a full-time physiotherapist to commence work in one of our dynamic Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation and Sports Performance Centres.

Desirable traits:

- enthusiastic and passionate about your profession and what you do as a physiotherapist
- confident in your abilities yet coachable, eager to continue learning and have a strong desire to up-skill your technical knowledge and practice methodology
- dedicated to attending and participating in weekly professional development programs headed by APA Titled Musculoskeletal and Sports Physiotherapist
- a strong communicator
- friendly and an all-round team player

Could this be YOU? Then please read on...

Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation and Sports Performance Centres at SOS Physiotherapy are headed by principal Andrew Papas who is a dual postgraduate Masters qualified Musculoskeletal and Sports Physiotherapist.

Uniquely positioned in Fitness First and suburban clinics in Rockdale, Sylvania and Earlwood our localities offer modern exercise equipment, heated swimming pools and cutting edge technology that when combined with our central ethos of pain elimination, restoration of function and improved performance, along with extensive experience and technical knowledge in the management of musculoskeletal and sports injuries; our service ensures a swift and complete recovery by providing the best of care...no matter what the age, activity level or occupation.

Experience in manual therapy and exercise prescription with sound clinical reasoning skills preferred but not necessary... we are after the right person to join our team.

New grads welcome to apply as we have a formal ‘New Grad Mentoring Program’.

Remuneration negotiable.

- $65K p.a. plus super and benefits.
- 3 days off for CPD + $1000 pa towards your CPD each year
- Full time or 3 weeks on/1 week off options - loads of flexibility
- Varied role - get experience in all aspects of your profession
- See the Queensland outback while earning $$$
- Housing assistance available

Our client is an allied health practice in Roma, QLD that provides a self-empowering and integrated approach to health and well-being, by providing access to a diverse multi-disciplinary Allied Health Professional Team. This highly professional and reputable practice provides physiotherapy, massage therapy, dietetics, exercise physiology, exercise classes and speech pathology. As well as Roma, they travel to numerous towns including: St George, Dirranbandi, Surat, Injune, Mitchell, Tambo, Wallumbilla, Chinchilla, Miles, Tara, Taroom, Wandoan and Cunnamulla.

The Physiotherapist is responsible for delivering effective and efficient physiotherapy services to the population of Roma and outlying areas. The position involves a range of clinical and administrative functions necessary for the delivery of physiotherapy services to individuals, groups and the wider community as part of a community based multi-disciplinary health team. The position involves assessment, planning, treatment, appropriate referral, health promotion and community development activities.

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