

CAREER RESOURCES

Information for Physical Therapists

PHYSICAL THERAPY JOB SEARCH

Job Listings Web Sites

Residency and Fellowships

- American Physical Therapy Association - Directory of Fellowships and Residencies
<http://www.apta.org/ResidencyFellowship/ProgramDirectory/>

Local and National

- Craigslist: Medical / Health Jobs
<http://sfbay.craigslist.org/>
- PhysicalTherapist.com – Jobs
<http://www.physicaltherapist.com/jobs>
- PTJobs.com
<http://www.ptjobs.com/>
- Indeed.com – mega search engine pulls from various job listing sites
<http://Indeed.com>
- SimplyHired.com – mega search engine pulls from various job listing sites
<http://www.simplyhired.com>
- All Hospital Jobs – job opportunity bulletin
<http://allhospitaljobs.com/>
- UCSF OCPD Physical Therapy Job Board
<http://career.ucsf.edu/pt-students/physical-therapy-job-board>
- Indian Health Services – Job Opportunities
<http://www.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=Jobs>

Professional Organizations Job Listings

- American Physical Therapy Association– Job listings
<http://www.apta.org/apta/jobbank/index.aspx?navID=10737422765>

List of Employers

Hospitals

- List of California Hospitals – by county
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hospitals_in_California
- List of Hospitals by State
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_hospitals_in_the_United_States

Private Practices and Medical Groups (how to find a ----- in my area)

- American Physical Therapy Association– Find a PT
<http://www.apta.org/apta/findapt/index.aspx?navID=10737422525>
- Physical Therapy Private Practice – Clinic Directory
<http://www.everypt.com/>

Long Term Care and Nursing Facilities

- California Association of Health Facilities
<http://www.cahf.org/OurMembers/FindAProviderFacility.aspx>
- Skilled Nursing Facilities – List of Facilities by State
<http://www.skillednursingfacilities.org/directory/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- American Physical Therapy Association – Courses and Conferences
<http://www.apta.org/CoursesConferences.aspx>
- California Physical Therapy Association – Database of CEs
<http://www.ccapta.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=137>
- PhysicalTherapy.com – Professional Associations by State -
<http://www.physicaltherapist.com/resources/associations>
World Confederation for Physical Therapy – CEs International Health and Practice

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION

- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy – NPTE
- <https://www.fsbpt.org/>
- Physical Therapy Board of California - Licensure
<http://www.ptbc.ca.gov/applicants/index.shtml>
- The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy – List of State Boards
<https://www.fsbpt.org/licensingAuthorities/index.asp>
- American Board of Physical Therapist Specialties
<http://www.abpts.org/home.aspx>

NETWORKING

The number one way people find out about a job opportunity is through word of mouth. Identify who is in your network:

- Professors, clinical instructor, fellow classmates
- Alumni or other professionals in your field
- Colleagues at your affiliations
- Past employers in the healthcare field
- Family, friends, neighbors, etc...(you never know who might have a contact for you)

Let the people in your network know what you are looking for and how they might be able to help you. For information on networking refer to the informational handouts on the OCPD website at <http://career.ucsf.edu>

BEST PRACTICES

What you can do right now to prepare for the job search:

1. Meet with a career counselor, your advisor, a faculty member, and/or a mentor in the field to talk about your short and long term goals.
2. Get your documents together – visit career.ucsf.edu to see, sample cover letters and sample resumes
3. Make an appointment at OCPD to have your documents reviewed. Call 476-4986 Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm.
4. Fill out all hospital applications online so that you apply for a job immediately when posted
5. Know what interview questions are asked and practice interviewing.
6. Make an appointment at OCPD to practice interviewing.
7. Identify the geographical area you wish to work in. Have a list of organizations and job sites that you check weekly
8. Be open and flexible in terms of the setting, the geographical area you work in, the hours, schedule, etc...Keep your long-term goals in mind and consider options and ideas you may have previously have overlooked.
9. Tell EVERYONE you know what type of position you are looking for at this time (i.e. inpatient, outpatient, SNF)
10. Join professional associations and go to local meetings to expand your network and hear about potential openings.
11. Take additional CE's that will prepare you for your role and keep you connected to the physical therapy community
12. Keep in touch with those you worked with during your clinical affiliations
13. Conduct informational interviews with alumni in your field to learn more about specific employers and effective job search strategies.
14. To connect with UCSF physical therapy alumni in the field, make an appointment at OCPD to search the Physical Therapy Alumni Career Network containing over 65 alumni who have volunteered to conduct informational interviews and provide job shadowing experiences. To make an appointment call 415-476-4986, M-F, 8 – 5pm.
15. Find support. It can be difficult to stay motivated – so reach out for help! Connect with fellow students to share information and advice and to support each other. Also, stay in touch with faculty and staff from Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences and consider meeting with a career counselor from the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD) to discuss your particular situation, brainstorm strategies, have your resume reviewed, and/or practice interviewing. Request an appointment by calling OCPD at 476-4986.

For additional information on career resources and services visit <http://career.ucsf.edu>