



## Roadmap to a Career in Pediatric Physical Therapy

*If you are interested in a career in pediatric physical therapy, but haven't yet enrolled in a physical therapy or physical therapy assistant program, visit [APTA's Careers in Physical Therapy](#) to find out how it's done. (This podcast may also be of interest: [Career paths available within the PT profession.](#))*

*If you are a physical therapy student, physical therapist, or physical therapist assistant interested in pursuing a career in pediatric physical therapy, here are some ideas on how to get there:*

### Seek out pediatric continuing education

Seek opportunities to pursue specialized pediatric physical therapy continuing education from APTA Pediatrics:

- [APTA Pediatrics Annual Conference \(AC\)](#): A multi-track conference offering more than 60 sessions and geared to every level and practice area of pediatric physical therapy, including a track for PCS prep, programming for students and new professionals, preconference courses, and an exhibit hall.
- [Innovations in School-based Practice](#): A course for physical therapists who provide related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- [Advanced Clinical Practice in Pediatrics](#): A course geared for experienced pediatric physical therapists who have a desire to investigate current theories and evidence-based practice across settings.
- [APTA's Combined Sections Meeting](#): For 30+ years, APTA has facilitated this conference in which each specialty section plans a track.
- [Online Courses](#): APTA Pediatrics hosts a number of online courses, including quarterly "Pediatric Physical Therapy: Beyond the Read" (text-based journal courses), the Residency & Fellowship Consortium, the Knowledge Broker Network (KBNet), and a number of on-demand informational webinars.

### Hone your skills

- Join the [APTA Pediatrics Mentoring Program](#)
- Become a [Pediatric Certified Specialist](#)
- Pursue the [Physical Therapist Assistant Advance Proficiency Pathway in Pediatrics](#)
- Explore [pediatric Residency and Fellowship Programs](#)
- Pursue your [DPT](#) or [PhD](#) (Podcast: [Why pursue a PhD?](#))
- Become a [credentialed clinical instructor](#)

### Further your career

- Peruse job listings and upload your resume via the [APTA Pediatrics Career Center](#)

More questions? Want to speak with an APTA Pediatrics leader? Contact [info@pediatricapta.org](mailto:info@pediatricapta.org).