

CAREER PROFILES

Other technical occupations in therapy and assessment:

Other technical occupations in therapy and assessment includes workers, not elsewhere classified, who perform various technical therapy and assessment functions. Some may assist professionals such as Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Ophthalmologists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists.

Wage/Salary Information:

\$44,000 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$22.24/hour is the median wage reported locally.

Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Oral and written communication
- Team player
- Marketing
- High Energy
- Organizational skills
- Self-motivated
- Integrity
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Problem solving
- Manual dexterity
- Detail oriented
- Customer service oriented
- Work ethics
- Record keeping
- Highly motivated
- Quality improvement
- Creativity
- Administrative support
- Work independently

Job Duties:

Hearing Instrument Practitioners examine adult clients to assess hearing loss using diagnostic evaluation and electro acoustic testing and recommend and dispense appropriate type of hearing instrument. They take ear mold impressions for use in the manufacture of hearing devices and fit, adjust and make minor modifications to hearing instruments. Hearing

Instrument Practitioners also educate clients in appropriate use, care and maintenance of hearing instruments and perform follow-up examinations and readjustments.

Audiometric Technicians, under the supervision of audiologists, administer tests such as pure tone hearing screening, impedance tests and noise level measurements using equipment such as audiometers and sound level meters to determine hearing thresholds of patients.

Audiometric Technicians instruct patients on test procedures and record results and monitor, check and calibrate auditory equipment. They may also take ear mold impressions and fit and adjust hearing instruments.

Communitive Disorder Assistants and Speech-Language Pathology Assistants assist Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists during assessment of patients and carry out treatment programs, document results and develop materials for use with patients, under the supervision of speech-language pathologists or audiologists. They also document patient rehabilitation progress and check and maintain therapeutic equipment and materials.

Ophthalmic Medical Assistants operate ophthalmic testing and measuring instruments to aid ophthalmologists in assessing patients' vision and record test results. Ophthalmic Medical Assistants administer eye drops, ointments and medications as directed by Ophthalmologists and clean and maintain instruments and equipment used during examinations. They also take patients' general medical and ophthalmic history and perform various administrative duties.

Physiotherapy Assistants and Occupational Therapy Assistants, under the direction of Physiotherapists and/or Occupational Therapists, carry out treatment programs such as thermotherapy, traction, hydrotherapy and electrotherapeutic techniques to rehabilitate patients with various injuries or disabilities to maximize their ability to independently manage daily activities.

Working Conditions:

Workers in these occupations typically work a regular 35- to 40-hour week. Work hours generally depend on the business hours of health-care practices. For example, some workers may be required to work evenings and weekends to accommodate the needs of patients, while others work part-time. Emergencies can also arise, although less often than in other health-care fields.

Working conditions vary for individuals in this group, depending on the specific occupation. The work of massage therapists and physical rehabilitation technicians can be physically demanding since these workers use their arms and hands for massaging and stand for long periods of time. The work is relatively light and comfortable, however, for communication assistants, audiometric assistants, ophthalmic assistants and hearing instrument practitioners.

Workers in these groups are increasingly required to use computers.

Career Pathways:

In most provinces occupational therapy assistants (OTA) and physiotherapy assistants (PTA) receive training through a single OTA/PTA program in community colleges.

These workers are employed in hospitals, clinics, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centres, educational institutions and in the private practices of the professionals they assist. Below are potential career pathways for other technical occupations in therapy and assessment:

- Audiology Technician
- Audiometric Assistant
- Audiometric Technician
- Communicative Disorders Assistant
- Hearing Instrument Practitioner
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Ophthalmic Assistant
- Ophthalmic Technician
- Ophthalmic Technologist
- Ophthalmologist Assistant
- Physiotherapy Technician
- Speech Technician
- Speech Therapy Assistant

Check out more possible career pathways on [WEexplore](#).

Education and Training Pathways:

The different jobs offered in this NOC group often require different licensure or membership in Ontario or completion of a one to four-year college program.

There is currently no formal post-secondary training program for this career offered locally. Employers may provide on the job training to teach the skills and competencies needed for the job.

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