

Therapist Assistants work in a variety of settings.

Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants work mostly with children in the school system. Some SLP Assistants also work in private practice or with the elderly in hospitals and long term care centres.

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) and Occupational Therapist Assistants (OTA) may work in hospitals, long term care centres, private practice, clinics, home care and schools.

On the following web pages, scroll down until you see the correct profile you want and click:

For the profile of a Physical Therapist Assistant go to:

http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/Content/RequestAction.asp?SNT_CODE=TitIHSSResultYes&aspAction=GetTitlesSearchFirstLetter&format=html&Page=TitleSearch&Results=TRUE&FirstLetter=P

For the profile of an Occupational Therapist Assistant go to:

http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/Content/RequestAction.asp?SNT_CODE=TitIHSSResultYes&aspAction=GetTitlesSearchFirstLetter&format=html&Page=TitleSearch&Results=TRUE&FirstLetter=O

For the profile of a Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant go to:

http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/Content/RequestAction.asp?SNT_CODE=TitIHSSResultYes&aspAction=GetTitlesSearchFirstLetter&format=html&Page=TitleSearch&Results=TRUE&FirstLetter=S

Most employers now require a therapist/rehabilitation assistant diploma from a post secondary institution.

If you are considering becoming a therapist assistant, there are four post-secondary institutions that offer therapist assistant diplomas.

SAIT – [Southern Alberta Institute of Technology](#) 16 month Rehabilitation Assistant diploma program, with the option of distance education.

Norquest College - [NorQuest College](#) Two year Physical Therapist Assistant diploma program.

Medicine Hat College - [Medicine Hat College](#) 18 month SLP Assistant, OTA or PTA diploma program.

Grant MacEwan College - [Grant MacEwan College](#) Two year OTA/PTA combined diploma program OR two year SLP Assistant diploma program.