

## Top 5 reasons to be a physiotherapist in Queensland state schools

### 1. Inspiring career choice

- Develop long-term relationships with students, education personnel and families.
- Gain satisfaction by helping students to succeed at school, knowing that it will have a positive impact throughout their lives.

### 2. Work-life balance

- Enjoy flexible, family-friendly work schedules including the option of taking leave in school holidays.
- Take advantage of accrued time off and purchased leave options.

### 3. Wide range of experiences and opportunities

- Work with students of all ages and diverse needs.
- Choose between metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations.
- Engage in a range of unique and innovative service delivery models.

### 4. Develop professionally

- Advance your professional knowledge through regular professional development and learning activities, including mentoring and coaching.
- Access up-to-date technology for professional development and knowledge sharing.
- Enjoy collegial support and networking with fellow therapists.
- Develop specialisation in your areas of interest.

### 5. Work as a professional team member whilst maintaining autonomy

- Collaborate, build relationships and learn from a multi-disciplinary education team.
- Enjoy acknowledgement for your contributions as a valued member of the school and wider community.



## What are the requirements to work as a physiotherapist in Queensland state schools?

- a qualification in physiotherapy from an accredited university.
- current registration to practise as a physiotherapist in Australia or the ability to gain registration.

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Working in education in Queensland

## Physiotherapy in education

Working as a physiotherapist in Queensland state schools is a rewarding career choice that can make a real difference to the education outcomes of children with disabilities. As a physiotherapist working for the Department of Education, Training and Employment you will:

- assess and interpret students' needs in school activities and in the school environment
- work with students and teachers to support access to and participation in the education program through the development of motor functions and skills
- use goal-focused intervention to enhance student performance in all aspects of the curriculum
- partner with school staff, families and school communities to support life-long learning
- liaise with other agencies providing services to children and young people with disability.



## Real life stories



*'When I started work I had three children still at school. Working part-time allowed me to be with my children after school and I also had the ability to take some time off in the school holidays. The professional development offered throughout the years has been excellent with the annual training and development seminar as well as the opportunity to attend courses and lectures.'*

**Meredith Bell**

*'School-based positions provide an excellent work-life balance, plenty of opportunities for professional development, and great diversity in caseload and work duties.'*

**Dominic Hanson**



## Rural opportunities

There are a number of special incentives available for physiotherapist working in rural locations including:

- subsidised housing
- appointment and relocation expenses (travel and removal costs) in most circumstances
- locality allowances for service in specified rural and remote locations
- an additional week of annual leave in specific rural and remote locations.

*'Working rural gave me the chance to give everything a go. I had the chance to pick up new skills and get involved in some terrific community activities. The teams in education and in the allied health agencies are great to work with and there are lots of opportunities for collaboration. I've seen parts of the country I wouldn't have had a chance to otherwise as well as being invited to some amazing barbecues up in the Gulf.'*

**Alex Lauer**



*'The support that I have received as a new graduate has been great and has really encouraged me as I start my career. It's a fantastic opportunity to expand your professional experience, especially for people interested in working in paediatrics.'*

**Kristina Wilhelmsen**