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WHERE DO PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WORK?

They work in various locations

- · private and public practices,
- hospitals,
- · work with sports teams
- Marae
- · rehabilitation centres
- · community centres
- schools
- prisons

WHAT TRAINING IS INVOLVED?

To become a physiotherapist, you need a Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy. Physiotherapist degrees are available from two universities and WINTEC.

- Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy) from Auckland University of Technology (AUT)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy from University of Otago

Both courses take four years and consist of a first year studying common health science and three years studying physiotherapy.

WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE NOW?

NCEA Level 3 is required to enter tertiary education and these subjects may be useful:

- Maths
- Science
- Human Biology
- Chemistry
- Te Reo Māori
- English

