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# What a PT Resident *Can* and *Cannot Do* Compared to a Physiotherapist

The following table is a summary of the similarities and differences between a Physiotherapist and a PT Resident (A PT Resident is person with a [Provisional Practice Certificate](https://www.collegept.org/applicants/provisional-practice) rather than an [Independent Practice Certificate)](https://www.collegept.org/applicants/applying/steps-current-provisional-practice-certificate-holders-applying-for-an-independent-practice-certificate).

Be sure to visit the College’s [Employer webpage](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/informationforemployers) for more information about employing physiotherapists in Ontario.

If you have any questions, please call Practice Advice at 647-484-8800 or 1-800-583-5885 ext. 241 or visit the College website: [www.collegept.org](http://www.collegept.org). They are happy to assist.

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|  | **Physiotherapist** | **PT Resident** |
| Successfully graduated from a University level physiotherapy program | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Successfully completed the written portion of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE) | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Successfully completed the clinical portion of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE) | **Yes** | **No** |
| Must have a [Supervisor approved](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/PTaccountabilities/supervision-overview) by the College | No | Yes |
| Must be registered with the College | Yes | Yes |
| Name appears on the [Public Register](https://portal.collegept.org/public-register/) | Yes | Yes |
| Must follow all [standards and rules](https://www.collegept.org/rules-and-resources) of the College | Yes | Yes |
| Can work as an independent contractor | Yes | Yes |
| Can complete assessments | Yes | Yes |
| Can provide treatment independently | Yes | Yes, under supervision of College-approved PT |
| Can [supervise physiotherapist assistants](https://www.collegept.org/rules-and-resources/supervision) | Yes | Yes |
| Can [issue invoices](https://www.collegept.org/rules-and-resources/fees-billing-and-accounts) | Yes | Yes |
| Has a registration number | Yes | Yes |
| Can [perform controlled acts](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/registration-information/rostering)   * Acupuncture * Spinal manipulation * Tracheal suctioning * Treat a wound below the dermis * Administer a substance by inhalation * Access or rehabilitate pelvic musculature | Yes, if rostered | Yes, if rostered and has a College-approved PT supervisor who is also rostered for the same controlled acts |
| Must make [mandatory reports](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/reporting-obligations/mandatory-reporting-PTs-required) | Yes | Yes |
| Requires [liability insurance](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/PTaccountabilities/liability-insurance-requirements) to practice | Yes | Yes |
| Required quality assurance activities | [PISA](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/PISA), [Professional Development](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/pt-resources/continuing-professional-development), [Assessment](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/screening-interview) | [PISA](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/PISA), [Professional Development](https://www.collegept.org/registrants/pt-resources/continuing-professional-development) |
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