

# **Personal Trainer**

# Job Description

Fitness trainers and instructors lead, instruct, and motivate individuals or groups in exercise activities, including cardiovascular exercises (exercises for the heart and blood circulation), strength training, and stretching. They work with people of all ages and skill levels.

Personal fitness trainers design and carry out workout routines specific to the needs of their clients. They may work with individual clients or teach group classes. In larger facilities, personal trainers often sell their training sessions to gym members. They start by evaluating their clients' current fitness level, personal goals, and skills. Then, they develop personalized training programs for their clients to follow, and they monitor the client's' progress.

# **Employment Outlook**

Employment of fitness trainers and instructors is projected to grow 8 % from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. Earning potential for a Personal Trainer in the area is approximately \$44,670. As businesses, government, and insurance organizations continue to recognize the benefits of health and fitness programs for their employees, incentives to join gyms or other types of health clubs are expected to increase the need for fitness trainers and instructors.



# **Admission Requirements**

Students must be 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED to enroll in this course. There are no physical requirements for the Personal Trainer Program. However, during the practical exam students are required to demonstrate learned techniques. If a student cannot demonstrate the physical techniques for their practical, they must be able to verbally cue and cover each detail.

#### **Program Description**

This challenging course is for candidates wanting LIVE instruction with in-depth, hands-on practical labs to master the essential career skills and knowledge. The course consists of 15 hours of lecture on key topics like biomechanics, exercise physiology, fitness testing, equipment usage, health assessment and 15 hours of hands-on practical training labs with role playing drills on assessing clients, programming, performing proper exercises, presentation skills and more.

Included in this course is a complete 200-page student workbook, access to online student study tools and test vouchers to take the Certified Personal Trainer exams. You can work right after passing the exams with proof of CPR/AED which awards you Level 1 Certified Personal Trainer credential. As a special bonus, you can take advantage of our 30-hour employer internship to get our advanced Level 2 Certified Personal Trainer at no additional cost. Completion of the course lecture and practical training are required to receive a certificate.

Please be aware that students with previous convictions may find it difficult to secure employment within this field.

W.I.T.S. is an approved CEU provider for the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA), National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB), the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET). The American Council on Education has recommended 3 undergraduate academic credits for this course.

This program is **CT SNAP** approved.

# **Time Commitment**

This 2-month program includes 15 hours of classroom instruction and 15 hours of hands-on practical training labs with role playing drills on assessing clients, programming, performing proper exercises, presentation skills and more.

Spring 2018 CRN: 1742/1743 HMED M7179 Dates: February 24 – April 7, 2018 (no class 3/31, for study week) Day: Saturday Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. (at ACC) and 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. at Healthtrax National Test Date: April 7 Fee: \$922 (includes textbook) Instructor: W.I.T.S Staff Room: TBA

Summer 2018 CRN: 1744/1745 HMED M7179 Dates: May 29-July 12, 2018 (no class 7/3 or 7/5, for study week) Days: Tuesday and Thursday Times: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (at ACC) and Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Healthtrax National Test Date: July 12 Fee: \$922 (includes textbook) Instructor: W.I.T.S Staff Room: TBA

#### **Payment Information**

Total cost of this program is \$922 including textbook and certification exam. Payment plans are available for this program. This program is CT SNAP approved.

# **Contact Information**

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