

July 26th Is National Disability Independence Day!



21%

Students With Disabilities
In Higher Education

40%

Students With Disabilities
That Drop Out Of School

10%

Students With Disabilities
That Go To Graduate
Programs



Why this day?

This day acknowledges the landmark civil rights law, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed on July 26, 1990 that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

What does this Act do?

The ADA ensures that people with disabilities have equal opportunities in areas like employment, transportation, public accommodations, and state and local government services.

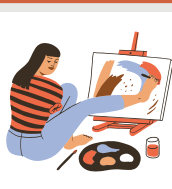
Who Does it Help?

This Act defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment.



**From
6% to 21%**

In the last two decades, the amount of individuals with disabilities attending school has doubled!



Federal aid

Survey data from NCES's 2020 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study shows that college undergraduates with disabilities report receiving similar levels of federal grant funding as other students. However, they receive less financial aid from their schools on average and less grant funding overall.

Unemployment

In 2024, about 9.2% of individuals with disabilities were reported to be unemployed, ranging from those with no diploma to those with graduate degrees

DPT program Stats

Within the US, few individuals with disabilities are successfully accessing and completing graduate training to become physical therapists. While typical graduate programs report 11% is made up of students with physical disabilities, limited data on physical therapist programs indicate only 5% of enrolled students have physical disabilities

What Can PT's Do:

- Advocate for our patients!!
- Prepare our patients for these settings
- And More!!

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