

Physical Therapist Assistant

The physical therapist assistant program is designed to prepare qualified individuals for employment as entry-level physical therapist assistants. The two years of study are divided into one year of required general education courses (pre PTA) and one year of specific technical courses (PTA). Enrollment in the second year is limited and a special application is required. Transfer students will be considered. (See admission requirements.)

The program graduates will be eligible to take the state certification examination for PTAs. Upon successful completion, and with supervision of a physical therapist, the graduate will be eligible for employment as a physical therapist assistant.

The program curriculum is considered a progressive format. Therefore, students must successfully complete each course with a minimum of a “C” prior to progressing to the next course/semester.

Many health care providers require a criminal background check prior to employment. Students will be required to submit to a criminal background check prior to enrolling in the PTA program. Individuals with a criminal record may not be eligible to complete clinical education in some settings based on the results of their criminal background check.

Required Program of Study for Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years)

Freshman Year

SUMMER SESSION I OR II	
Course	Credits
BIOS 1010 General Biology.....	4
SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Communication.....	3
	7

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
BIOS 2110 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology I.....	4
BIOS 2110 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	0
ENGL 1010 English Composition I.....	3
PHYS 1070 Applied Physics for Allied Health	4
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology.....	3
PTAS 1010 Medical Terminology for PTAs	1.5
PTAS 1020 Introduction to Physical Therapy*	1
	16.5

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
BIOS 2120 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOS 2120 Introduction to Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	0
ECON 1040 Personal Finance.....	2
MATH 1110 Math for Physical Therapist Assistants.....	3
PTAS 1020 Introduction to Physical Therapy*	1
PTAS 2070 Basic Physical Therapy Procedures.....	4
PTAS 2020 Introduction to Exercise Principles.....	3
	16-17

*This course may be taken in either the first or second semester of the freshman year.

Sophomore Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
PTAS 2050 Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology	6
PTAS 2060 Physical Agents.....	4
PTAS 2090 Pathology for Physical Therapist Assistants.....	3
PTAS 2150 Healthcare Topics	2
	15

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
PTAS 2160 Therapeutic Exercise	6
PTAS 2170 Neurological Rehabilitation.....	6
PTAS 2080 Clinical Affiliation I.....	3
	15

SUMMER SESSION I AND II	
Course	Credits
PTAS 2140 Physical Therapist Assistant Seminar.....	1
PTAS 2180 Clinical Affiliation II	5
PTAS 2280 Clinical Affiliation III	5
	11

Total Credit Hours **80.5-81.5**

Suggested Electives:	
PSYC 2200 Lifespan Psychology.....	3
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness	2
HPER 2400 Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries	3
SOCI 2150 Issues of Unity & Diversity	3
INFO 1100 Microcomputer Applications	3
CHEM 1140 General Chemistry I	5
BIOS 2030 Microbiology	4
SPAN 1000 Essential Conversational Spanish.....	1-2
SPAN 1200 Elementary Spanish I.....	4
HOEC 1050 Nutrition.....	3
OFFT 2020 CPT Coding	2
INFO 1700 Introduction to Internet.....	2