

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The PTA curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. Assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department. Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout their lifespan. After graduation from an accredited physical therapy education program, candidates must pass a state-administered licensure exam. Employment is available in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, specialty hospitals, home health agencies, private clinics, and public school systems.



POSSIBLE JOB TITLES:

- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Rehabilitation Manager
- Director

MEDIAN SALARY:

\$59,770 annually

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS CLUSTER WEBSITE:

bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/home.htm

JOB PLACEMENT OF RECENT GRADUATES OF THIS PROGRAM:

- N/A, New Program

SKILLS/APTITUDES NEEDED FOR PROGRAM:

- Physical strength and stamina
- Ability to read and execute detailed instructions
- Good interpersonal skills



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DEGREE(S)

Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (A45620; LMC, Day) – 5 semesters (summer included)

DIPLOMA(S)

N/A

CERTIFICATE(S)

N/A

TRANSFER OPTIONS

General Education courses only

ADDITIONAL COSTS OF PROGRAM

National Physical Therapy exam fee, uniforms, professional membership (optional), and clinical rotation expenses

STATE LICENSURE/EXAMS/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

After graduation from an accredited physical therapy education program, candidates must pass a state-administered national exam to obtain licensure.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Minimum Admissions Criteria required. This includes 20 required volunteer hours and additional points awarded for completion of CCC's Rehabilitation Technician course.

CONTACTS

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