

Interest Area

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Your Pathway

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

Associate in Science Degree

This degree will prepare you to practice as a physical therapist assistant in a variety of health care settings. You will learn through online theory classes and lab classes on campus, and will be able to practice interventions of therapeutic exercise, therapeutic techniques, physical agents, mechanical modalities, and functional training in a care plan established by the physical therapist. Upon completion, you will be able to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) and work as a physical therapist assistant.

*Suggested Sequence of Classes***FALL SEMESTER – FIRST YEAR 14 units**

ANAT 1 Anatomy 5 units  
 PHY 1 Physiology 5 units  
 HEOC 11 Medical Terminology 3 units  
 HEOC 1 Introduction to Physical Therapy Professions 1 unit

**SPRING SEMESTER – FIRST YEAR 15 units**

ENGL 1A College Composition 4 units  
 PTA 1 Physical Therapy Practice for the PTA 2 units  
 PTA 2 Pathology 3 units  
 PTA 3 Patient Care Skills Theory 2 units  
 PTA 3L Patient Care Skills Lab 1 unit  
 PTA 4 Clinical Kinesiology Theory 2 units  
 PTA 4L Clinical Kinesiology Lab 1 unit

**SUMMER SEMESTER – FIRST YEAR 3 units**

PHIL 7 Ethics: Understanding Right and Wrong 3 units  
 CMST 54 Small Group Communication 3 units

**FALL SEMESTER – SECOND YEAR 14 units**

PTA 5 Therapeutic Exercise Theory 2 units  
 PTA 5L Therapeutic Exercise Lab 1 unit  
 PTA 6 Physical Agents Theory 2 units  
 PTA 6L Physical Agents Lab 0.5 unit  
 PTA 20 Clinical Preparedness 1.5 units  
 HLTH 6 Culture and Health 3 units  
 MATH 14 Introduction to Statistics 4 units

**POTENTIAL CAREERS**

Physical Therapist Assistant

**SALARY POTENTIAL**

\$57,977 per year

*(source: ziprecruiter.com)*

*Please meet with a counselor to customize your own educational plan, explore course options, and consider department and counseling faculty recommendations.*


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