

Associate in Applied Science Degree

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

The A.A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant degree prepares students to implement physical therapy treatment procedures under the supervision of licensed Physical Therapists. As an assistant to a physical therapist, you will help patients recovering from debilitating illness, amputation, surgery, or accident to improve mobility, restore physical function, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities.

Admissions Information

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is a limited-access program. All applicants must meet weighted Admission requirements by May 15 to advance to the next phase of consideration for admission to the program. However, meeting admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the PTA program. An applicant who receives notification that she/he was not admitted to the Physical Therapist Assistant program must resubmit the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application by the published application deadline in order to be considered for admission to the next available class. These applicants should check with Admissions to determine if HGTC Admission information requires updating. A waiting list of applicants is not maintained.

- Criminal Background Check 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester prior to the first technical semester; felony or misdemeanor convictions could result in applicants being ineligible to complete the program.
- Urine Drug Screening 30 days prior to starting clinical each semester beginning in the second semester.
- Submit a Health Sciences Division Student Health Record Form indicating the candidate has the ability to perform the physical tasks required in the program prior to second semester.
- Proof of CPR certification for Health Care Providers prior to second semester.
- Experience Documentation form submitted to Office of Admissions reflecting a minimum of 20 hours in a physical therapy facility (3-year time limit). The applicant is responsible for arranging the experience at approved facilities. A list of local facilities is available on the department webpage.
- GPA of 2.75 or higher on all required General Education and support courses, with "C" or higher in each course. These courses include: BIO 210 and BIO 211 (5 year time limit, 10 year time limit if already completed Bachelor or Master degree programs), ENG 101, MAT 120 or MAT 110, PSY 201 and Humanities. Minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA must be maintained with no academic or disciplinary suspension at time of admission or program entry.
- To be licensed as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the state of South Carolina the graduate must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and apply for Physical Therapist Assistant licensure with the Labor and Licensing Regulation Board of South Carolina. The cost of completing the NPTE and application for licensure is not included in the cost of tuition for the program.
- Completion of TEAS test (2-year time limit).
- Not have two unsuccessful (D, F, W or WF) attempts in the first technical semester course of the PTA program within the last two academic years.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all PTH-prefixed courses for progression and graduation.

Students who meet all program graduation requirements will graduate with the Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant degree.

Required Courses

Physical Therapist Assistant Requirements

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Component	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
GENERAL EDUCATION		
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
BIO 210	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 211	Anatomy and Physiology II	4

Select one Mathematics course from the list below:

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MAT 110	College Algebra	3
MAT 120	Probability and Statistics	3
and		
Select one Humanities/Fine Arts course from the list below:		
ART 101	Art History and Appreciation	3
ART 105	Film as Art	3
ENG 201	American Literature I	3
ENG 202	American Literature II	3
ENG 205	English Literature I	3
ENG 206	English Literature II	3
ENG 208	World Literature I	3
ENG 209	World Literature II	3
ENG 230	Women in Literature	3
ENG 236	African American Literature	3
HIS 101	Western Civilization to 1689	3
HIS 102	Western Civilization Post 1689	3
HIS 201	American History: Disc to 1877	3
HIS 202	American History: 1877 to Pres	3
MUS 105	Music Appreciation	3
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI 110	Ethics	3
PHI 201	History of Philosophy	3
PHI 211	Moral Philosophy	3
REL 103	Comparative Religion	3
SPA 201	Intermediate Spanish I	3
SPA 202	Intermediate Spanish II	3
THE 101	Introduction to Theatre	3
CREDITS		20
Required Core Subject Areas		
PTH 244	Rehabilitation	4
PTH 240	Therapeutic Exercises/ Applications	5
PTH 221	Pathology I	2
PTH 242	Orthopedic Management	4
PTH 202	Physical Therapy Modalities	4
PTH 234	Clinical Practice I	3
PTH 276	Physical Therapy Practicum II	6
CREDITS		28
OTHER HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION		
PSY 203	Human Growth Development	3
PTH 101	Physical Therapy Professional Preparation	2
PTH 204	Physical Therapy Functional Anatomy and Application	5

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PTH 205	Physical Therapy Functional Anatomy	4
PTH 253	Clinical Education II	3
PTH 270	Special Topics in Physical Therapy	3
PTH 235	Interpersonal Dynamics	2
PTH 275	Advanced Professional Preparation	1
	CREDITS	23
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	71

**Registration for MAT courses require students to have appropriate test scores and/or pre-req courses; please refer to your advisor to determine your academic qualifications and eligibility for enrolling in MAT courses.