

Physical Therapist Assistant (A.A.S.)

Physical therapist assistants have a rewarding opportunity to make a positive difference in the quality of people's lives. Their work involves extensive contact with both patients and other health care professionals. Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of a physical therapist in implementing treatment programs specific to the plan of care. Physical therapist assistants work in hospitals, private physical therapy offices, community health centers, corporate or industrial health centers, sport facilities, research institutions, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools, pediatric centers, colleges, and universities. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE); rules and regulations regarding accreditation can be found on their website: <http://www.capteonline.org/AccreditationHandbook>.

Program Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Written & Oral Communications (6 credits)

[ENG 101](#) (3 credits)

[ENG 102](#) (3 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills (4 credits)

Choose one of the following mathematics courses: [MTH 100](#)[MTH 101](#)[MTH 103](#)[MTH 113](#)[MTH 119](#)[MTH 120](#)[MTH 121](#)[MTH 122](#)[MTH 127](#)[MTH 221](#) or [MTH 222](#) (one 4-credit course)

Scientific Knowledge & Reasoning (8 credits)

[BIO 121](#) (4 credits)

[BIO 122](#) (4 credits)

Technological Competency (3 credits)

[CIS 107](#) (3 credits)

Society & Human Behavior (6 credits)

Choose two of the following courses: [ANT 101](#)[ANT 105](#)[ECO 101](#)[ECO 102](#)[POL 101](#)[POL 104](#)[PSY 101](#)[PSY 102](#)[PSY 219](#)[SOC 101](#)[SOC 108](#) or [SOC 219](#) (two 3-credit courses)

Humanistic Perspective (6 credits)

Choose one of the following literature courses: [ENG 205](#)[ENG 208](#)[ENG 215](#)[ENG 221](#)[ENG 222](#)[ENG 232](#)[ENG 237](#)[ENG 238](#)[ENG 242](#)[ENG 250](#)[ENG 263](#) or [ENG 264](#) (one 3-credit course)

AND

Choose one of the following art or music courses: [ART 100](#)[ART 101](#)[ART 102](#)[MUS 100](#)[MUS 108](#)[MUS 109](#) or [MUS 117](#) (one 3-credit course)

Historical Perspective (3 credits)

Choose one of the following history courses: [HST 101](#)[HST 102](#)[HST 111](#)[HST 112](#)[HST 121](#)[HST 122](#)[HST 131](#)[HST 132](#)[HST 134](#)[HST 135](#)[HST 136](#)[HST 137](#)[HST 161](#) or [HST 162](#) (one 3-credit course)

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A maximum of 24 credits from any accredited or state-licensed post-secondary health science training program may be awarded*

**Note: College-level credit will be transferred as a block; technical school or other certificate credit will be weighted and then awarded as a block. Credits may be awarded from professional programs in the following fields: Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dietary Management, LPN, Military Medic, Nursing, Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Care, Ultrasound, Vision Care Technology and/or any accredited or state-licensed post-high school health science training program, which is licensed or certified by examination.*

ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

If the Major Course Requirement credits awarded from a professional educational program total less than 24 credits, the balance may be chosen from the following courses: [ENG 109](#) Effective Speech, [HSC 101](#) Introduction to Nutrition, [HSC 102](#) Nutrition through the Life Cycle, [HSC 109](#) Introduction to Medical Terminology, [SOC 201](#) Social Gerontology, [SOC 207](#) Understanding Death and Dying, [BIO 103](#) General Biology I, [BIO 104](#) General Biology II, [BIO 211](#) Microbiology, [BIO 241](#) Pathophysiology, [BIO 251](#) Pharmacology, [CHM 101](#) College Chemistry I, [CHM 101](#) College Chemistry II, [CHM 103](#) General Chemistry I, [CHM 104](#) General Chemistry II, and/or [SOC 199](#) Behavioral Science for Health Professions, which are all 3- or 4-credit courses. Keep in mind that the number of credits of Additional Course Requirements plus the number of credits awarded toward Major Course Requirement credits must total 24 credits.

Notes:

(1) ECC students who completed college-level course work in Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dietary Manager, LPN, Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Care, and Vision Care Technology programs but who did not complete a specific degree may apply their professional credits toward the Health Science degree.

(2) Students may not earn two degrees in the same discipline.

(3) The minimum passing grade for all program-related courses is "C." If you earn a grade below "C", you need to repeat that course.

(4) Please meet with a Division of Health Sciences academic advisor (faculty member) to receive evaluation of professional educational program credits. (Up to 24 credits may be awarded toward the Major Course Requirements.)

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

Total Credits Required for Degree: 60

First Semester

[ENG 101](#) College Composition I (3 credits)

[BIO 121](#) Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)

Quantitative Knowledge & Skills mathematics requirement (4-credit course)

Historical Perspective requirement (one 3-credit course)

Second Semester

[ENG 102](#) College Composition II (3 credits)

[BIO 122](#) Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)

Society & Human Behavior requirement (3 credits)

[CIS 107](#) Computer Literacy (3 credits)

Third Semester

Humanistic Perspective literature requirement (one 3-credit course)

Society & Human Behavior requirement (one 3-credit course)

Humanistic Perspective art or music requirement (one 3-credit course)

Additional Course Requirements (remaining credits, if necessary)

Fourth Semester

Additional Course Requirements (remaining credits, if necessary)