

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate in Applied Science A.A.S.: Physical Therapist Assistant Degree

This 68 credit-hour Physical Therapist Assistant degree program prepares the student to provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist, treating patients of all ages who present with various medical conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE) for licensure as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Harper College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085, telephone: 703.706.3245, email: accreditation@apta.org, website: www.captetonline.org.

If needing to contact the program coordinator directly, please call 847.925.6861 or email rgura@harpercollege.edu.

Because of the nature of clinical experiences and individualized instruction required in this program and specialized technology and the equipment necessary to offer this program, a higher tuition rate is assessed for career-specific courses including courses with the PTA prefix. Students pay 1.5 the regular rate of tuition.

Admission Requirements:

For admission requirements, please contact the Admissions Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit: harpercollege.edu Students who apply for this limited enrollment program are obligated to meet current admission requirements and follow program curriculum as defined at the time of acceptance to the program.

PREREQUISITES:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, ENG and HSC coursework is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
BIO 260	Human Anatomy ¹	4	Program Requirement
ENG 101	Composition I	3	AAS General Education
HSC 112	Medical Terminology	2	Program Requirement
	Mathematics ²	3	AAS General Education
SPE 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	AAS General Education

SUMMER SESSION:

A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
PTA 111	Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3	Program Requirement
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	AAS General Education

FIRST SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all BIO, HSC and PTA coursework is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
BIO 261	Human Physiology ¹	4	Program Requirement
PTA 101	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Program Requirement
PTA 105	Orthopedics for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	Program Requirement
PTA 120	Therapeutic Exercise for Physical Therapist Assistant I	1	Program Requirement
PTA 140	Intervention Fundamentals	1	Program Requirement

SECOND SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
PTA 115	Manual Techniques for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Program Requirement
PTA 160	Pathophysiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Program Requirement
PTA 201	Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	Program Requirement
PTA 205	Therapeutic Modalities	2	Program Requirement
PTA 210	Neurology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	Program Requirement

SUMMER SESSION:

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Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
PTA 130	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience I	2	Program Requirement
PTA 215	Advanced Interventions	2	Program Requirement
PTA 220	Therapeutic Exercise for Physical Therapist Assistant II	1	Program Requirement

THIRD SEMESTER:

A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.

	Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
	PTA 208	Special Populations for the Physical Therapist Assistant	1	Program Requirement
	PTA 225	Physical Therapist Assistant Professional Seminar	1	Program Requirement
	PTA 230	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience II	4	Program Requirement
	PTA 235	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience III	7	Program Requirement
	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology+	3	AAS General Education

- 1 Must be completed no earlier than five years prior to beginning the PTA program. Time requirement may be waived for direct patient care providers with a minimum of a two-year allied health degree.
- 2 MTH 103 is recommended for students planning to complete a PTA to DPT bridge program in the future. MTH 101 or higher with a grade of C or better may be substituted.
- + This course meets the World Culture and Diversity graduation requirement.