

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. Classes will be offered beginning in Fall 2019. 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). Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, phone 703.706.3245. accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Harper College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE. Effective April 30, 2019, Harper College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria VA 22314. Phone 703.706.3245/Email accreditation@apta.org If needing to contact the program/institution, please call 847.925.6861 or email rgura@harpercollege.edu Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the CAPTE that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

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. Tuition for the courses in this program is 200 percent of the standard tuition rate.

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 160	Human Anatomy ¹	4	Program Requirement
ENG 101	Composition	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

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 161	Human Physiology ¹	4	Program Requirement
HSC 213	Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care	2	Program Requirement
PTA 101	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Program Requirement
PTA 105	Orthopedics for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	Program Requirement
PTA 111	Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3	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
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	AAS General Education
PTA 115	Manual Techniques for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Program Requirement
PTA 130	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience I	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

SUMMER SESSION:

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

Number	Course Title	Credits	Course Category
PTA 210	Neurology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	Program Requirement
PTA 215	Advanced Interventions	2	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 230	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience II	4	Program Requirement

PTA 208	Special Populations for the Physical Therapist Assistant	1	Program Requirement
PTA 225	Physical Therapist Assistant Professional Seminar	1	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.