

Physical Therapist Assistant

Health Sciences



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ABOUT THIS FIELD

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. Assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department.



WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout the life span.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Employment opportunities include general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, specialty hospitals, home health agencies, private clinics and public school systems.


 **Southwestern**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE


PROGRAM START DATES:

Refer to college catalog for deadline dates

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CLASSES YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) - A45620

Total Semester Hour Credits: 76

FALL SEMESTER 1

Prefix	Number	Title	Class	Lab	Clinical	Credit
BIO	168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	0	4
ENG	111	Writing & Inquiry	3	0	0	3
PHY	125	Health Science Physics	3	2	0	4
PTA	110	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2	3	0	3
PTA	130	Physical Therapy Procedure I	1	6	0	3
		Totals	12	14	0	17

SPRING SEMESTER 1

BIO	169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	0	4
ENG	114	Professional Research and Reporting	3	0	0	3
PTA	120	Functional Anatomy	1	6	0	3
PTA	140	Therapeutic Exercise	2	6	0	4
PTA	150	Physical Therapy Procedure II	1	6	0	3
		Totals	10	21	0	17

SUMMER SEMESTER

PTA	160	Physical Therapy Procedure III	2	3	0	3
PTA	170	Pathophysiology	3	0	0	3
PTA	180	PTA Clinical Education Introduction	0	0	9	3
PTA	212	Health Care/Resources	2	0	0	2
		Totals	7	3	9	11

FALL SEMESTER 2

HUM	115	Critical Thinking	3	0	0	3
PSY	150	General Psychology	3	0	0	3
PTA	182	PTA Clinical Ed I	0	0	6	2
PTA	222	Professional Interactions	2	0	0	2
PTA	240	Physical Therapy Procedure IV	3	6	0	5
PTA	254	Pediatrics for the PTA	0	3	0	1
PTA	280	PTA Issues I	1	0	0	1
PTA	282	PTA Issues II	0	3	0	1
		Totals	12	12	6	18

SPRING SEMESTER 2

PTA	260	Advanced PTA Clinical Education	0	0	30	10
PTA	270	PTA Topics	1	0	0	1
PTA	252	Geriatrics for the PTA	2	0	0	2
		Totals	3	0	30	13