

Why Choose P.I.T. for your Physical Therapist Assistant education?

✓ **Earn Industry Certifications**

✓ **Intimate Learning
Environment and Family
Atmosphere**

✓ **Parallel Learning**

✓ **Learn at Your Own Pace
with eLearning at P.I.T.**

✓ **Free Tutoring**

✓ **Experienced Instructors**

AS Physical Therapist Assistant

Help patients restore their health!

In two years, you can earn the skill and knowledge needed to be successful as a Physical Therapist Assistant

What is a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)?

P.I.T.'s Physical Therapist Assistant associate degree program prepares individuals for the high-demand field of Physical Therapy. PTAs are skilled and licensed health care providers who work with and under the direct supervision of licensed Physical Therapists. The curriculum is five semesters in length, with the first two semesters in the Health Science program. Once accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the last three semesters provide students with classroom/lab courses and clinical education experience using relevant and current practices.

Students are prepared to successfully pass the state-administered National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination after graduation and can then decide where they would like to practice from a variety of different settings.

What kind of career can I expect?

Physical therapist assistants work in a variety of settings and specialties under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Locations include:

- Assisted living facilities
- Home health care agencies
- Medical and surgical hospitals
- Outpatient physical therapy offices and clinics
- Rehabilitation hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities



Where can I go after earning a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant?

One option is to transfer your credits to one of the many four-year colleges or universities in pursuit of your non-physical therapy bachelor of science degree. Either way, P.I.T. will prepare you for the next step that's right for YOU!

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA)

Associate in Science A.S.

Recommended Course Sequence

Code	Course (Credits)	PTA221	Physical Therapist Assistant
BIO 135	Anatomy and Physiology I (4)		Modalities (3)
ENG108	English Composition (3)	PTA115	Therapeutic Procedures I (4)
MOT115	Healthcare in a Trans Cultural Environment (3)	PTA215	Therapeutic Procedures II (3)
MTH130	Math for Health Care Professionals (3)	PTA227	Clinical Practice I (4)
BIO136	Anatomy and Physiology II (4)	PTA225	Orthopedic & Neurological Rehabilitations (4)
MTH145	College Algebra and Trigonometry (3)	PTA229	Rehabilitation Techniques (3)
BIO230	Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)	PTA233	Special Populations (2)
PSY109	Human Growth and Development (3)	PTA231	Therapeutic Exercise (3)
ENG215	Analytical Writing (3)	PTA237	Clinical Practice II (6)
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology (3)	PTA247	Clinical Practice III (6)
PTA130	Diseases of the Human Body (3)	PTA249	PTA Seminar (2)
PTA101	Introduction to Physical Therapy (2)		
		PROGRAM TOTAL: 78	
		*Prerequisite coursework is required.	
		NOTE: Additional course(s) may be required based on the results of a placement test.	

Course Highlights

PTA 227 – Clinical Practice I

This course is four weeks of clinical instruction with a focus on gaining familiarity with PT and PTA interactions and the clinic environment. Students will develop professional deportment and communication, practice measurement and muscle testing skills, refine time management skills, and gain exposure to written or electronic health records and documentation.

PTA 231 – Therapeutic Exercise

This course is designed to provide students with entry-level knowledge of therapeutic exercise instruction including stretching and strengthening of the major muscle groups, monitoring patient progress, and effective documentation strategies. (This course runs for 11 weeks).

PTA 249 – PTA Seminar

This course incorporates an overview of the organization and administration of a physical therapy service and identifies the role of the assistant in various aspects of physical therapy practice. It also provides a forum for student discussion and exchange of clinical experiences and student presentations of case studies and physical therapy topics.

TUITION INFORMATION

Number of Terms in Program

Traditional – 3 Terms + 3 Semesters

Academic or Certification Achievement

Associate Degree for transfer to university or for employment

Tuition and Fees for Associate Degree Programs

- Tuition: \$380 per credit hour, plus tech and additional fees
- Graduation Fee: \$100
- Excludes books and supplies