

Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate in Science Degree

Makes the student eligible for registration/licensure as a Physical Therapist Assistant, a paraprofessional in the practice of physical therapy who delivers physical therapy services under the supervision of a physical therapist. This is a consortium program offered in conjunction with Naugatuck Valley Community College. Please note that credits from the Physical Therapist Assistant Program are not directly transferable to the educational requirements of a physical therapist.

Specialized course work must be taken in the outlined sequence:

Required prerequisite

Course #	Title	Credits
BIO*211	Anatomy and Physiology I (a)	4
CHE*111	Concepts of Chemistry (a)	4
	Mathematics Elective (a) (from MAT*137 or above)	3-4

First Semester (Spring)

BIO*212	Anatomy and Physiology II (a)	4
ENG*101	Composition (a)	3
PSY*111	General Psychology I (a)	3
PTA*120	Introduction to Physical Therapy (a)	3
PTA*125	Physical Therapy for Function (a)	4

Summer Semester

PTA*220	Introduction to Physical Therapy Clinic (a)	1
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Second Semester (Fall)

PTA*230	Physical Agents in Physical Therapy (a)	4
PTA*235	Kinesiology for Rehabilitation (a)	4
	Literature Elective (a) (from any 200-level Literature course)	3

Select **one** of the following courses:

COM*172	Interpersonal Communication (a) or	
COM*173	Public Speaking (a)	3

Third Semester (Spring)

PTA*250	Therapeutic Exercise (a)	5
PTA*253	Pathophysiology for Rehabilitation (a)	3
PTA*258	PTA in the Healthcare Arena (a)	2
	Arts/Humanities Elective (d)	3
	Social Science Elective (from ANT*, ECN*, GEO*, POL*, PSY*, SOC*)	3

Fourth Semester (Fall)

PTA*260	Physical Therapy Seminar (a)	2
PTA*262	PTA Internship II (a)	5
PTA*265	PTA Internship III (a)	5

Total.....60

(a) Prerequisite and/or co-requisite required.

(d) To be selected from courses in ART*101/102/103/201/205, CHI*, COM*, any 200-level Literature Course, ESL*, FRE*, HIS*, ITA*, LAT*, MUS*, PHL*, PLH*, RUS*, SPA*, THR.

Physical Therapist Assistant (A.S. Degree)

Program Abilities:

Upon successful completion of all courses in the program, students will be able to:

1. sit for examination for state licensure/registration as a physical therapist assistant
2. perform physical therapy interventions under the supervision of a physical therapist
3. accurately obtain patient information through data collection
4. demonstrate accurate problem-solving abilities when working as a physical therapist assistant
5. competently communicate with physical therapists, patients, families, and other health-care providers
6. effectively provide education to parents, families, and other caregivers
7. produce documentation supporting physical therapy services
8. demonstrate behaviors that comply with appropriate statutes and with the ethical standards established by the American Physical Therapy Association
9. competently function within an interdisciplinary health-care team.

Physical Therapist Assistant Associate's Degree Program

Special Admissions Requirements: Application Deadline: October 15

Prior to the application deadline, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Complete college placement testing, any developmental courses and required prerequisites to degree program courses.
- Within five years of the October 15th application deadline, complete a 4-credit course with a lab component in Chemistry, Concepts of Chemistry (CHE*111) is recommended as it is a prerequisite to Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO*211), or a

4-credit course with a lab component in Physics, Introductory Physics (PHY*110) is recommended, and an Intermediate Algebra (MAT*137) course

- Within five years prior to the start of the program, complete Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO*211) with a grade of C+ or higher (NOTE: at Tunxis, General Biology I (BIO*121) and Concepts of Chemistry (CHE*111) are prerequisites to Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO*211).
- Students enrolled in Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO*211) during the fall term may be considered for the program and may receive conditional acceptance, but must complete the course with a grade of C + or better and provide official transcripts noting the same prior to the beginning of the program.
- Mandatory observational hours (10 inpatient and 10 outpatient) documented with a letter from the facility.
- Minimum overall G.P.A. of 2.5 for Physical Therapist degree coursework.
- All PTA program degree courses require a minimum grade of C with the exception of Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO*211) which requires a grade of C+.
- It is highly recommended that potential Physical Therapist Assistant students attend an information session.

Applicants will be considered stronger candidates for admission if they have earned a bachelors degree by the 10/15 deadline and/or completed all general education courses in the PTA curriculum by the 10/15 deadline, with the minimum grade requirement.

High school students can complete the above requirements by taking an appropriate Advanced Placement (AP) course and passing the AP exam with a grade of 3 or better.

All science courses completed prior to entering the PTA program must have been done within five (5) years of entering the program.

The ability to obtain a license may be affected due to a felony conviction and background checks may be required for clinical sites.

