



Wayne
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Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that the median annual salary for PTAs was \$62,770 in May 2022. The lowest 10 percent of PTAs earned less than \$43,340, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$85,230.

JOB OUTLOOK

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects that employment of PTAs will grow 19 percent from 2022 to 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations. The BLS also projects that about 24,300 openings for PTAs will be available each year, on average, over the decade.

Source:
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm>

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA) is a two-year associate of applied science (AAS) degree program that prepares students for rewarding careers as PTAs. The program equips graduates with critical thinking skills and the ability to perform a diverse range of physical therapy interventions tailored to various patient populations. Graduates of the PTA program are well-prepared to take the National Physical Therapy Examination, a prerequisite for licensure in all states.



WHAT DO PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANTS DO?

PTAs are essential members of the healthcare team who work under the supervision of physical therapists to provide care to patients of all ages. They play a vital role in helping patients regain mobility, improve their function, and manage pain.

PTAs provide a variety of services, including modalities and therapeutic exercises to help patients reduce pain and improve their range of motion, strength, coordination, and gait. Additionally, PTAs teach patients how to use assistive devices and perform exercises at home. PTAs monitor patient progress and make adjustments to treatment plans as needed.

WHERE DO THEY WORK?

PTAs work in various settings, including acute care hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, long-term care facilities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, school systems, and home care settings.



Recommended Sequence of Courses

**Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA):
Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)**

CR. No.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<u>PREREQUISITE COURSES</u>		
BIO 240	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	.4
BIO 250	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	.4
ENG 119	English I	.3
PS 101	American Government	.3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	.3
PTT 101	Introduction to Physical Therapy	.2
SPH 101	Fundamentals of Speech	.3
SEMESTER TOTAL		.22

SEMESTER 1

PTA 102	Clinical Pathology	.2
PTA 103	Functional Mobility (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 104	Clinical Kinesiology (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 105	Neurological Foundations of Motor Control <i>(1st 7.5 weeks)</i>	.2
PTA 106	Functional Movement Development <i>(2nd 7.5 weeks)</i>	.2
PTA 107	Clinical Documentation for the PTA	.2
SEMESTER TOTAL		.14

SEMESTER 2

PTA 110	Patient Assessment (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 112	Therapeutic Exercise (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 114	Manual Therapy Techniques (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 115	Professional Preparation	.2
PTA 220	Clinical Education I (80 hours)	.2
SEMESTER TOTAL		.13

SEMESTER 3

PTA 204	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 205	Pediatric Management	.2
PTA 210	Therapeutic Modalities (lecture and lab)	.3
PTA 212	PTA Seminar in Specialty Practice	.3
SEMESTER TOTAL		.11

SEMESTER 4

PTA 230	Clinical Education II <i>7 weeks (272 hours)</i>	.6
PTA 240	Clinical Education III <i>7 weeks (272 hours)</i>	.6
SEMESTER TOTAL		.12
A.A.S. PROGRAM TOTAL		.72

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