

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) work as part of a team to provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist. PTAs help patients regain movement as they recover from conditions that limit their mobility and ability to perform daily functional activities.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Kennebec Valley Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 Telephone: 703-706-3245 Email: accreditation@apta.org Website: <http://www.capteonline.org>

"I had been doing the same job for 16 years and I needed a change. The PTA program forced me out of the 'comfort' zone I had become so used to. The professors believed in me even when I was unsure of myself. Their passion for their profession was evident by their use of 'real world' scenarios. This single mom of two is very proud to be part of KVCC's PTA alumni."



Help patients regain mobility



What Physical Therapist Assistant graduates do:

- Assist the Physical Therapist in treatment of individuals of all ages with medical problems or other health-related conditions
- Perform functional activities and exercises with patients
- Instruct patients in self-care
- Promote mobility, pain control, function, and prevention of disability

Career Opportunities:

- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation centers
- Skilled units in nursing homes
- Outpatient clinics
- Pediatric facilities
- Private practices
- Schools
- Home care

For further questions about this program, please contact:

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COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES (CO-REQUISITES)
Associate in Applied Science Degree			
<i>First Semester</i>			
__ __	BIO213 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Min. Accuplacer reading score of 80, completion of LEAP seminar, or successful completion of a college level laboratory science course
__ __	ENG101 College Composition	3	Min. Accuplacer writing score of 74
__ __	PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3	
__ __	PTS105 Self-Paced Medical Terminology for PTAs	1	Enrolled in PTA program
__ __	PTS107 Introduction to Kinesiology for the PTA	2	(BIO213, PTS111)
__ __	PTS111 Physical Therapy I	4	Enrolled in PTA program
<i>Second Semester</i>			
__ __	BIO214 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Minimum grade of "C" in BIO213
__ __	COM104 Introduction to Communication OR	3	
__ __	COM105 Interpersonal Communication	3	
__ __	PTS112 Physical Therapy II	4	BIO213, PTS105, PTS107, PTS111 (BIO214, PTS116, PTS117)
__ __	PTS116 Pathology	3	BIO213, PTS105, PTS107, PTS111 (BIO214, PTS112, PTS117)
__ __	PTS117 Kinesiology for the PTA	3	BIO213, PTS105, PTS107, PTS111 (BIO214, PTS112, PTS116)
<i>Summer Session</i>			
__ __	PTS120 PTA Clinical Education I	4	BIO214, PTS105, PTS107, PTS111, PTS112, PTS116, PTS117, current CPR certification, all required immunizations, titers, and background check
<i>Third Semester</i>			
__ __	MAT117 College Algebra	3	High school algebra, min. Accuplacer algebra score of 75, or successful completion of MAT031
__ __	PSY215 Developmental Psychology	3	PSY101
__ __	PTS211 Physical Therapy III	4	BIO214, PTS105, PTS107, PTS112, PTS120 (PTS215)
__ __	PTS215 Neuroscience	3	BIO213, BIO214, PTS112, PTS116 (PTS211)
__ __	_____ Humanities Elective	3	
<i>Fourth Semester</i>			
__ __	PTS218 PTA Clinical Education II	6	PTS120, PTS211, PTS215, all required general ed. courses (current CPR certification, all required immunizations, titers, and background check)
__ __	PTS220 PTA Clinical Education III	6	PTS218 (current CPR certification, all required immunizations, titers, and background check)
__ __	PTS222 PTA Seminar	1	PTS220
	Total Credits	67	

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

Students must complete 67 credits in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, achieve a minimum grade of "C," or "PASS" criteria, in all courses, and attain a final GPA of 2.00 or higher. Most states, including Maine, require licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant. Graduates are eligible to sit for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy Physical Therapist Assistant Licensing Examination.

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