

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 Licensed 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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<i>First Semester</i>			<i>Summer Session</i>		
BIO213	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	PTS120	PTA Clinical Education I	5
ENG101	College Composition	3	<i>Third Semester</i>		
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3	MAT111	Quantitative Methods	3
PTS105	Self-Paced Medical Terminology for PTAs	1	PSY215	Developmental Psychology	3
PTS107	Introduction to Kinesiology for the PTA	2	PTS211	Physical Therapy III	6
PTS111	Physical Therapy I	6	PTS215	Neuroscience	3
<i>Second Semester</i>			<i>Fourth Semester</i>		
BIO214	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	PTS216	Clinical Application	1
COM104	Introduction to Communication OR		PTS218	PTA Clinical Education II	8
COM105	Interpersonal Communication	3	_____	Humanities Elective	3
PTS112	Physical Therapy II	6		Total Credits	70
PTS116	Pathology	3			
PTS117	Kinesiology for the PTA	3			

CRITERIA FOR GRADUATION

Students must complete 70 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.