

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT



Associate of Applied Science Degree
10-524-1

The physical therapist assistant (PTA) is a technically educated health provider who assists the physical therapist (PT) in the provision of physical therapy and may perform physical therapy interventions selected by the supervising PT. The PTA works under the direction and supervision of the PT, helping manage conditions such as back and neck injuries related to work and sports, and others. PTA's work in a broad range of settings. Employment opportunities for PTA's are located in hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing, sub acute, and long-term care facilities, home health agencies, schools, hospice, industrial health clinics, community health centers, fitness centers and sports training facilities, and colleges and universities.

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate clear and collaborative communication with patients, families, and the health care team
- Exhibit behaviors and conduct that reflect respect and sensitivity according to physical therapy practice standards
- Function under the supervision of a physical therapist in a safe, legal ethical manner to ensure the safety of patients, self, and others throughout the clinical interaction
- Produce documentation to support the delivery of physical therapy services
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills to implement and modify treatment within a plan of care under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.
- Perform data collection essential for carrying out the plan of care under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist
- Perform technically competent evidence-based interventions under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist
- Educate patients, families and other health care providers

- Integrate components of operational and fiscal practices of physical therapy service in a variety of settings
- Implement a self-directed plan for career development, credentials and lifelong learning

View the entire course listing (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/courses/>).

Courses taken before semester 1		Credits
801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-198	Speech	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
804-134 or 804-118	Mathematical Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra with Applications	3-4
Credits		13-14
Semester 1		
524-139	PTA Patient Interventions	4
524-156	PTA Applied Kinesiology 1	4
524-157	PTA Applied Kinesiology 2	3
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4
Credits		15
Semester 2		
524-142	PTA Therapeutic Exercise	3
524-143	PTA Therapeutic Modalities	4
524-145	PTA Principles of Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation	4
524-147	PTA Clinical Practice 1	2
Credits		13
Semester 3		
524-140	PTA Professional Issues 1	2
524-144	PTA Principles of Neuromuscular Rehabilitation	4

524-146	PTA Principles of Cardiopulmonary & Integumentary Conditions	3
524-148	PTA Clinical Practice 2	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
Credits		15
Semester 4		
524-149	PTA Rehab Across the Lifespan	2
524-150	PTA Professional Issues 2	2
524-151	PTA Clinical Practice 3	5
809-172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		68-69

General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-195	Written Communication	3
801-198	Speech	3
806-177	General Anatomy and Physiology	4
809-172	Introduction to Diversity Studies	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
806-179	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	4
804-134	Mathematical Reasoning	3-4
or 804-118	Intermediate Algebra with Applications	