

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Students starting the program in Fall 2025.

The Northeast Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program is designed to prepare qualified individuals for employment as entry-level physical therapist assistants. The program utilizes engaged teaching and interactive learning to promote student success in both lab and lecture. Students are trained with current technology and innovative exercise equipment to simulate realistic clinical settings.

As a condition of admission to the College, students are subject to placement testing for general education courses. Students interested in the PTA program will apply to the Health Sciences Field of Study, Career Pathway, and select the Physical Therapist Assistant program. Students then complete the PTA Application Packet as part of the program's competitive selection process. See Special Admission Guidelines for details.

Program graduates will earn an AAS PTA degree and are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for PTAs. Upon successful completion of the NPTE, the graduate will be eligible for employment as a PTA under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Additional testing on state laws and regulations will vary based on the specific requirements for the state where the PTA intends to practice.

CAPTE

Commission on Accreditation
in Physical Therapy Education

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Northeast Community College is accredited by:
The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),
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Required Program of Study for Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years)

FIRST YEAR

Fall Semester

Course	Credits
BSAD 2050 Business Communications	3
PTAS 1225 Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
LNSK 1010 First Year Experience	2
BIOS 2250 Intro to Human Anatomy & Physiology I* ...	4
PTAS 1110 Functional A&P	3
PTAS 1115 Functional A&P Lab	0.5
PTAS 1120 Rehab Skills I	2
PTAS 1125 Rehab Skills I Lab	1
	<u>16.5</u>

Spring Semester

Course	Credits
MATH 2170 Applied Statistics	3
HLTH 1060 Comprehensive Medical Terminology.....	3
PTAS 1220 Pathophysiology	2
PTAS 1230 Therapeutic Exercise	3
PTAS 1235 Therapeutic Exercise Lab	0.5
PTAS 1240 Rehab Skills II	2
PTAS 1245 Rehab Skills II Lab	1
PTAS 1250 Introduction to Kinesiology	1
PTAS 1255 Introduction to Kinesiology Lab	0.5
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SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester

Course	Credits
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology	3
PTAS 2310 Clinical Practice I	2
PTAS 2320 Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation	1
PTAS 2325 Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Lab	1
PTAS 2330 Physical Rehabilitation I	2
PTAS 2335 Physical Rehabilitation I Lab	1
PTAS 2340 Orthopedic Rehabilitation I	3
PTAS 2345 Orthopedic Rehabilitation I Lab	1
PTAS 2300 Clinical Affiliation I	1.5
	<u>15.5</u>

Spring Semester

Course	Credits
PTAS 2410 Clinical Practice II	2
PTAS 2420 Therapeutic Modalities	3
PTAS 2425 Therapeutic Modalities Lab	0.5
PTAS 2430 Orthopedic Rehabilitation II	3
PTAS 2435 Orthopedic Rehabilitation II Lab	1
PTAS 2440 Physical Rehabilitation II	3
PTAS 2445 Physical Rehabilitation II Lab	1
PTAS 2400 Clinical Affiliation II	1.5
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Summer

Course	Credits
PTAS 2500 Clinical Affiliation III	5
PTAS 2600 Clinical Affiliation IV	4.5
	<u>9.5</u>
Total Credit Hours	72.5