

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

The Northeast Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program is designed to prepare qualified individuals for employment as entry-level physical therapist assistants. The program is an intense, academically challenging program that requires hard work and dedication. Engaged teaching and learning experiences promote an interactive learning environment 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 enroll through open admission as Pre-Professional Physical Therapist Assistant. The first semester consists of general education and prerequisite coursework. Students are required to earn a grade of “C” in each course, and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher in order to meet the standards of the PTA Program. Interested applicants who wish to transfer into the College should see a PTA Program advisor for transcript evaluation. Science courses must have been completed within the past five years to be considered eligible for transfer. Students must complete an [application packet](#) as part of the competitive selection process. Students are required to complete a physical exam, required vaccinations, tuberculosis test, a criminal background check, and a drug screen in order to perform clinical experiences during the second year of the program. See [Special Admission Guidelines](#) for details.

Program graduates will be 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.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Northeast Community College is accredited by the:



Commission on Accreditation  
in Physical Therapy Education

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),  
3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085  
telephone: 703-706-3245 | email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) | website: [capteonline.org](http://capteonline.org)  
If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 402-844-7326 or email [PTA@northeast.edu](mailto:PTA@northeast.edu).

### Required Program of Study for Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years)

#### FRESHMAN YEAR

##### First Semester

Course	Credits
BIOS 2250 Intro to Human Anatomy & Physiology I ...	4
ENGL 1010 English Composition I* .....	3
MATH 2170 Applied Statistics* .....	3
PTAS 1010 Medical Terminology for Physical Therapist Assistants .....	1.5
PTAS 1020 Introduction to Physical Therapy .....	1
SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Communication* <b>OR</b>	
SPCH 1110 Public Speaking* .....	3
Social Science/Exploratory Studies* .....	2
	<u>17.5</u>

##### Second Semester

Course	Credits
BIOS 2260 Intro to Human Anatomy & Physiology II ...	4
PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology* .....	3
PTAS 2550 Basic Physical Therapy Procedures .....	2
PTAS 2551 Basic Physical Therapy Procedures Lab .....	2
PTAS 2570 Exercise Principles .....	2
PTAS 2571 Exercise Principles Lab .....	1
PTAS 2520 Introduction to Clinical Management .....	1
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\*See general education requirements.

Suggested Social Science/Exploratory Studies: ECON/BSAD 1040  
Personal Finance, SOCI 2150 Exploring Unity and Diversity, LNSK  
1010 First Year Experience

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#### SOPHOMORE YEAR

##### First Semester

Course	Credits
PTAS 2620 Clinical Management .....	3
PTAS 2650 Physical Agents .....	2
PTAS 2651 Physical Agents Lab .....	2
PTAS 2670 Orthopedic Assessment & Intervention I ...	3.5
PTAS 2671 Ortho Assessment & Intervention I Lab ...	2.5
PTAS 2690 Clinical Pathophysiology .....	3.5
PTAS 2691 Clinical Pathophysiology Lab .....	0.5
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##### Second Semester

Course	Credits
PTAS 2700 Clinical Affiliation I .....	3.5
PTAS 2720 Advanced Clinical Management .....	0.5
PTAS 2770 Orthopedic Assessment & Intervention II ...	2.5
PTAS 2771 Ortho Assessment & Intervention II Lab ...	1.5
PTAS 2790 Neurologic Rehabilitation .....	3
PTAS 2791 Neurologic Rehabilitation Lab .....	2
	<u>13</u>

##### Summer Session

Course	Credits
PTAS 2800 Clinical Affiliation II .....	5
PTAS 2900 Clinical Affiliation III .....	5
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**Total Credit Hours** 72.5