

Physical Therapist Assistant

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 72

LIMITED ENTRY
DEGREE CODE: PT-AAS

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and MUST be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students MUST attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

DESCRIPTION

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive the AAS degree in Physical Therapist Assistant. This entitles the graduate to take the national licensure examination. Successful passing of this examination and completion of the state licensure requirements will allow the graduate to function as a licensed physical therapist assistant (PTA). The program integrates classroom and laboratory experiences into a structurally sound curriculum that develops the competencies required to function as a safe, ethical, and competent PTA. Students are required to complete three clinical education affiliation experiences in hospitals and clinics affiliated with the program. Requirements for participation in these clinical experiences include having: 1) current CPR and First Aid cards; 2) a current personal health insurance policy; 3) a yearly negative TB test; 4) the appropriate immunizations; 5) a satisfactory physical examination; 6) drug and alcohol screen; and 7) background check.

The program is a limited-entry program and students considering applying to the program MUST attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor for additional counseling. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 706-3245, www.capteonline.org, email: accreditation@apta.org.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Practice abilities and critical thinking skills necessary to carry out the physical therapy plan of care.
- Provide competent, safe, and ethical patient care under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Cultivate effective, respectful, and culturally sensitive communication and interpersonal skills.
- Use critical thinking skills to assess patient response to treatment interventions.
- Formulate educational plans for the patient, family, other providers, and the community related to physical therapy interventions.
- Critique self-assessment and self-directed lifelong learning.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (24 CREDITS)

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

Recommended: MATH 116 Technical Mathematics

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3-5 credits)

See AAS policy p. 46 for courses

COMMUNICATIONS (3 credits)

COM 101 or 102 or 115 or 215

HUMAN RELATIONS (3 credits)

Required: PT 122 Psychological - Social Consideration & in Patient Care

NATURAL SCIENCE (5-8 credits)

HHP 123B and 124B; or BIOL 223 and 224

FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 credits)

PHIL 101 or above; PSY 101 or above; SOC 101 or above

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

See AAS policy p. 47 for courses

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (48 CREDITS)

PT 100	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PT 105	Musculoskeletal Anatomy Review	1
PT 110	Principles of Kinesiology	2
PT 111	Problems in Kinesiology	2
PT 117	Fundamental Principles for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PT 118	Fundamental Procedures for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PT 120	Observation and Measurement Principles for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PT 121	Observation and Measurement Procedures	2
PT 125	Principles of Physical Agents	2
PT 126	Physical Agent Procedures and Practices	2
PT 130	Administration in Physical Therapy	2
PT 134	Clinical Affiliation I	2
PT 225	Therapeutic Principles for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	3
PT 226	Therapeutic Procedures for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	2
PT 238	Pathophysiology I	3
PT 240	Orthotic and Prosthetic Considerations in Patient Care	1
PT 244	Clinical Affiliation II	2
PT 248	Pathophysiology II	3
PT 250	Therapeutic Principles for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	2
PT 251	Therapeutic Procedures for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	1
PT 254	Therapeutic Principles for Neuromuscular Pathologies	3
PT 255	Therapeutic Procedures for Neuromuscular Pathologies	2
PT 256	Clinical Affiliation III	2

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the “B” suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the “H” suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

FIRST SEMESTER	Credits
MATH 116 Technical Mathematics	3
Complete AAS English Composition p. 46	3-5
Complete Natural Science ¹ (see courses previous page)	5-8
PT 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
TOTAL CREDITS	14-19

SECOND SEMESTER	Credits
Complete Communications (see courses this page)	3
Complete Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science (see courses previous page)	3
PT 105 Musculoskeletal Anatomy Review	1
PT 110 Principles of Kinesiology	2
PT 111 Problems in Kinesiology	2
PT 117 Fundamental Principles for the PTA	2
PT 118 Fundamental Procedures for the PTA	2
TOTAL CREDITS	15

THIRD SEMESTER	Credits
PT 122 Psychological-Social Considerations in Patient Care	3
PT 120 Observation and Measurement Principles for the PTA	2
PT 121 Observation and Measurement Procedures	2
PT 125 Principles of Physical Agents	2
PT 126 Physical Agent Procedures and Practices	2
PT 130 Administration in Physical Therapy 2	2
PT 134 Clinical Affiliation I	2
TOTAL CREDITS	16

FOURTH SEMESTER	Credits
PT 225 Therapeutic Principles for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	3
PT 226 Therapeutic Procedures for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	2
PT 238 Pathophysiology I	3
PT 240 Orthotic and Prosthetic Considerations in Patient Care	1
PT 244 Clinical Affiliation II	2
PT 250 Therapeutic Principles for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	2
PT 251 Therapeutic Procedures for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	1
TOTAL CREDITS	14

FIFTH SEMESTER	Credits
Complete AAS US/Nevada Constitutions ² p. 47	4-6
PT 248 Pathophysiology II	3
PT 254 Therapeutic Principles for Neuromuscular Pathologies	3
PT 255 Therapeutic Procedures for Neuromuscular Pathologies	2
PT 256 Clinical Affiliation III	2
TOTAL CREDITS	14-16

DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS..... **72-79**

¹BIOL 223 has a prerequisite of BIOL 189 with a C or better; and BIOL 224 has a prerequisite of BIOL 223.

²PSC 101 completes this requirement at 4 credits. If you choose the HIST option, complete HIST 101 or 111 in the third semester and complete HIST 102 or 217 in the fourth semester.

