

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

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 full time clinical education affiliation experiences in hospitals and clinics affiliated with the program. Requirements for participation in these clinical education 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; and 6) an appropriate drug and alcohol screen. 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 which is located at 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (800) 999-2782.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Demonstrate competencies necessary to successfully complete the national licensure examination.
- Demonstrate the skills and abilities necessary for employment as a PTA.
- Demonstrate competencies necessary in clinical settings.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (25 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
COMMUNICATIONS: COM 101	3	_____
ENGLISH: ENG 100, 101, 107, 113	3-5	_____
HUMAN RELATIONS: PT 122	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 116, 120, 124 or above	3	_____
SCIENCE: HHP 123B, 124B and PT 105 or BIOL 223, 224 and PT 105	6	_____
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES: PSY 101, 102, 233, 241, 261, PHIL 102, 244	3	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (47 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
PT 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	3	_____
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	_____

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Total Credits

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.

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HHP 124B	Science	1	
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ENG 101	English	3	
PT 100		3	
	TOTAL	14	
Second	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
PT 105		1	
PT 110		2	
PT 111		2	
PT 117		2	
PT118		2	
COM 101	Communications	3	
SS/Humanities	SS Humanities	3	
	TOTAL	15	
Third Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
PT 120		2	
PT 121		2	
PT 122		3	
PT 125		2	
PT 126		2	
PT 130		2	
PT 134		2	
	TOTAL	15	
Fourth Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
PT 225		3	
PT 226		2	
PT 238		3	
PT 240		1	
PT 244		2	
PT 250		2	
PT 251		1	
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Fifth Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
PT 248		3	
PT 254		3	
PT 255		2	
PT 256		2	
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**** Note-Due to the high rigor of the PTA program, it is highly recommended that students complete all general education requirements before applying to the program

*****Note – All PT courses, with the exception of PT 100, can only be taken once accepted to the PTA program, then must be taken in the order indicated

Upon successful completion of the PTA Program and graduation from CSN, graduates will be able to apply and sit for the PTA National Licensure Exam. Passing of this exam is required in order for a PTA to practice in the state of Nevada, as well as most other states. Please note, courses in the technical portion of the PTA program, with course designation “PT”, do not transfer to most colleges/universities should the student wish to become a physical therapist (PT).

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