PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program is designed to be completed in two years with the awarding of an Associate of Applied Science degree upon successful completion of the program. The student is then eligible to take the national exam.

Concentration Requirements 45

- PTA 101 Introduction to PTA 1
- PTA 102 Kinesiology 5
- PTA 103 Physical Agents and Therapeutic Intervention 5
- PTA 104 Therapeutic Exercise 3
- PTA 105 Clinical Education I 2
- PTA 106 Patient Care 4
- PTA 201 Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant 3
- PTA 202 Musculoskeletal 5
- PTA 203 Neuromuscular Rehabilitation 5
- PTA 204 Clinical Education II 3
- PTA 205 Clinical Education III 7
- PTA 207 PTA Seminar 2

General Education Requirements 26

- BIOL 130 Anatomy & Physiology 5
- COMM 101 Public Speaking 3
- ENGL 101 English Composition I 3
- MATH 115 College Algebra 3
- OTEC 124 Medical Terminology 3
- PSYC 101 General Psychology 3
- PSYC 201 Developmental Psychology 3

Computer Elective 3

Recommended Course Sequence

SEM 1: PTA 101, PTA 102, PTA 103, PTA 105, PTA 106, PTA 201
SEM 2: PTA 104, PTA 202, PTA 203, PTA 204, PTA 207
SEM 3: PTA 205

Credits Required: 71

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Accreditation

The LCC PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org

Requirements

The prerequisite courses must be completed or be in progress at the time of application submission. Acceptance to the program is through a competitive process based on program criteria. Our application and requirements can be accessed on the LCC web site, http://www.labette.edu/pta/index.html Acceptance to LCC does not ensure acceptance into the PTA program. CPR Certification is required prior to attending clinical training.

Student Organization

Students enrolled in the PTA program participate in the PTA club. Our students work together to promote the art and science of Physical Therapy. The students engage in providing community services and fund raising activities. Our students are encouraged to be members of our national organization and attend conferences at the state and national levels.

After Graduation

Once you have successfully completed the program you must pass the national examination for Physical Therapist Assistants to acquire a license to practice. Once you have a license there are many career opportunities available in many settings. Physical Therapist Assistants work to help individuals to recover from an injury, return to work or athletic activities, or to improve their abilities to allow individuals to function as independent as possible. Opportunities include working with people throughout the life span in settings such as hospitals, clinics, specialty centers, school systems, long term care, and home health. Many PTAs also accept travel assignments throughout the United States and the world. PTAs can advance their careers in the areas of management or earn additional certified skills. PTAs may also seek to advance their education and pursue a degree to become a Physical Therapist.

Courses designated as Physical Science, Natural Science, Humanities, Social Behavioral and General Education electives can be found on page 88. Placement Tests or pre-requisites are required for English Composition I, and Math courses. See page 24 for complete Placement information. Some courses are not offer each semester. Always make an appointment with your major advisor to enroll each semester.