Physical Therapist Assistant | Associate in Applied Science
Field of Study Code: PHYTA.AAS

Catalog Description:

The Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares its graduates to provide skilled direct patient care under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Goals of treatment include relieving pain, improving strength and mobility, and helping patients to attain maximum function. Physical therapist assistants are employed in a variety of settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, long-term care facilities, sports medicine clinics and home health care agencies. Graduates must take the state licensure examination for physical therapist assistants. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The Physical Therapist Assistant degree requires a minimum of 69.5 credits in program requirements and general education.

Program Requirements ..................................................... 54.5
Anat 1551* Human Anatomy and Physiology I ............... 4
AND
Anat 1552* Human Anatomy and Physiology II ............. 4
OR
Anat 1571* Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver I ........ 4
AND
Anat 1572* Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver II ...... 4
Hlths 1110 Biomedical Terminology ............................ 4
Phyta 1100* Introduction to Physical Therapy .............. 2
Phyta 1107* Pathophysiology ........................................ 2
Phyta 1109* Basic Health Care Skills and Principles 
of Soft Tissue Techniques ...................................... 3
Phyta 1110* PTA Documentation .................................... 1.5
Phyta 1111* PTA Kinesiology I ................................. 2
Phyta 1112* PTA Kinesiology II .............................. 3
Phyta 1114* PTA Total Patient Care ......................... 1
Phyta 1201* PTA Therapeutic Modalities .................... 4
Phyta 1202* PTA Therapeutic Exercise .................... 2
Phyta 1211* PTA Therapeutic Assessment and Basic 
Intervention ............................................................. 4
Phyta 1221* PTA Clinical Practicum I ......................... 1
Phyta 2203* PTA Neuromuscular and 
Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation .............................. 3
Phyta 2204* PTA Special Patient Populations ............. 2
Phyta 2212* PTA Advanced Orthopedic Rehabilitation ..... 4
Phyta 2214* PTA Professional Issues ........................ 1
Phyta 2222* PTA Clinical Practicum II ....................... 1.5
Phyta 2223* PTA Clinical Practicum III ...................... 2.5
Phyta 2224* PTA Clinical Practicum IV ...................... 3

* - course has a prerequisite

General Education ........................................................... 15 to 17

Suggested Course Sequence
(Full-Time Enrollment)

Please note: A student’s readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student’s placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.

Pre-Admission Courses
- Anat 1551 (4) and Anat 1552 (4)
  or Anat 1571 (4) and Anat 1572 (4)
- Hlths 1110 (4)

General Education Courses Required to Graduate
(General Education courses must be completed by the end of the Summer Term of the first academic year).

(Select a minimum of 15-17 credits to satisfy AAS general education requirements
- Communications (6)
- Math (3-5)
- Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
- Social-Behavioral Science (3)

Professional Course Sequence
(Once admitted to the Program)

Fall Year One (11.5 credits)
- Phyta 1100 (2)
- Phyta 1107 (2)
- Phyta 1109 (3)
- Phyta 1110 (1.5)
- Phyta 1111 (2)
- Phyta 1114 (1)

Spring Year One (11 credits)
- Phyta 1201 (4)
- Phyta 1112 (3)
- Phyta 1211 (4)

Summer Year One (3 credits)
- Phyta 1202 (2)
- Phyta 1221 (2)
For the Physical Therapist Assistant degree, some General Education courses are already listed under program requirements. Therefore, students only need 15 to 17 credits besides those listed under program requirements. Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required for the Physical Therapist Assistant degree:

**Communication:** 6 credits  
*Written:* (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105  
*Oral:* (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

**Physical and Life Sciences:** 3 to 5 credits  
At least one course with a laboratory component  
*(The Anatomy and Physiology courses in program requirements fulfill this requirement)*

**Mathematics:** 3 to 5 credits  
Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).  
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 credits

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category. *(Health Sciences 1110 in program requirements fulfills this requirement.)*

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**TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE**  
69.5 to 71.5

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**Fall Year Two (8.5 credits)**  
- Phyta 2203 (3)  
- Phyta 2212 (4)  
- Phyta 2222 (1.5)

**Spring Year Two (8.5 credits)**  
- Phyta 2214 (1)  
- Phyta 2204 (2)  
- Phyta 2223 (2.5)  
- Phyta 2224 (3)

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**For more information:**  
If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact Advising and Counseling to make an appointment with the Health program advisor at 630-942-2259 or by email at healthcareadvising@cod.edu.

**Program web site:**  
http://www.cod.edu/programs/physical_therapist
Career Information  PHYTA.AAS

Job Title(s): Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)
Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA), Physical Therapy Technician, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (LPTA), Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA)

For salary and wage information, please visit: www.onetonline.org

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

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Related Occupations:
Social and Human Service Assistants  Athletic Trainers
Registered Nurses  Occupational Therapy Assistants
Psychiatric Technicians  Medical Assistants
Respiratory Therapy Technicians  Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses