The Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students to provide skilled direct patient care under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Students will acquire the skills necessary to help alleviate pain, improve strength and mobility, and facilitate patients’ attainment of 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. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) licensure exam. Upon passing the PTA licensure exam, the graduate can practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant. 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 67.5 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

Field of Study Code: PHYTA.AAS

Program Requirements ........................................ 58.5
Phyta 1100 Introduction to Physical Therapy .................. 2
Phyta 1109 Basic Health Care Skills and Principles
of Soft Tissue Techniques ................................... 3
Phyta 1114 PTA Total Patient Care ................................. 1
Phyta 1205 PTA Kinesiology ........................................ 5
Phyta 1207 PTA Pathophysiology .................................. 2
Phyta 1211 PTA Therapeutic Assessment and Basic
Intervention ...................................................... 4
Phyta 1301 PTA Therapeutic Modalities .......................... 4
Phyta 2103 PTA Neuromuscular and
Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation .............................. 4
Phyta 2104 PTA Special Patient Populations ..................... 3
Phyta 2110 PTA Documentation .................................... 1.5
Phyta 2112 PTA Advanced Orthopedic Rehabilitation ....... 4
Phyta 2122 PTA Clinical Practicum I ............................. 1.5
Phyta 2214 PTA Professional Issues ............................... 1
Phyta 2223 PTA Clinical Practicum II ............................ 2.5
Phyta 2224 PTA Clinical Practicum III ......................... 3
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