

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.

Credits Required: 67

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Concentration Requirements 41

<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	101	Introduction to PTA	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	102	Kinesiology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	103	Physical Agents and Therapeutic Interven.	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	104	Therapeutic Exercise	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	105	Clinical Education I	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	201	Pathology for the Physical Therapist Asst.	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	202	Musculoskeletal	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	203	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	204	Clinical Education II	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTA	205	Clinical Education III	7

General Education Requirements 26

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL	130	Anatomy & Physiology	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM	101	Public Speaking	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	101	English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH	115	College Algebra	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTEC	124	Medical Terminology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC	101	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC	201	Developmental Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Elective			3
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Accreditation

The LCC PTA program is accredited by the Commission on the 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.lafayette.edu/pta/index.html> Acceptance to LCC does not ensure acceptance into the PTA program.

Recommended Course Sequence

SEM 1: PTA 101, PTA 102, PTA 103, PTA 104, PTA 105

SEM 2: PTA 201, PTA 202, PTA 203, PTA 204

SEM 3: PTA 205

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 PTA's also accept travel assignments throughout the United States and the world. PTA's 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 82.

Placement Tests or pre-requisites are required for English Composition I, Math courses and most General Education Electives. See page 31 for complete Placement information.

All first-time, full-time students with fewer than 15 credit hours after high school graduation are required to enroll in the College Success Skills course during their first semester.

Some courses are not offer each semester. Always make an appointment with your major advisor to enroll each semester.