PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
Associate in Science Degree

Program Description
The PTA program is a five (5) semester, integrated program of rigorous academic curriculum. The curriculum consists of foundational content, physical therapy technical courses, and a clinical education component. The program values and promotes excellence in education and includes evidence-based knowledge and clinical skills essential to the physical therapist assistant. The physical therapist assistant curriculum includes the necessary information to allow the student to gain the didactic knowledge, motor skills, and professional behaviors required to meet entry-level expectations of the physical therapist assistant working under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. The clinical education component is designed to integrate knowledge and professional behavior with patient care. Under the direction and supervision of the clinical instructors, students learn patient care skills as well as the value of lifelong learning.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Quincy College prepares students for licensure and employment as Physical Therapist Assistants. Graduates will possess exemplary technical competence, be critical thinkers and practice ethically in various healthcare settings. The program is dedicated to the industry of Physical Therapy, lifelong learning and values a commitment to the community.

Program Outcomes
At the completion of this program, the student should be able to:
- Demonstrate professional clinical behavior including cultural awareness, adaptability, time management skills and dependability
- Describe the structure and function of normal and abnormal human anatomy
- Adhere to legal and ethical standards
- Demonstrate entry-level motor skill and competence in the implementation of a comprehensive treatment plan for patients across the lifespan with various medical conditions
- Demonstrate entry-level competence with data collection skills
- Demonstrate effective/professional written and verbal communication and a commitment to patient education
- Formulate a plan and demonstrate commitment to lifelong learning
- Compose concise, accurate, and timely documentation to support provided intervention
- Incorporate evidenced-based practice with critical thinking skills in order to make sound decisions regarding patient care
- Obtain employment as a Physical Therapy Assistant

The College Core Requirements
- BIO 131 Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab**1 4 credits
- BIO 132 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab*1 4 credits
- Computer Science Core^1 3 credits
- ENG 101 English Composition I 3 credits
- ENG 102 English Composition II^1 History/ Government Core^1 3 credits
- MAT 107 Statistics^1 3 credits

Program Requirements
- PSY 216 Growth & Development^1 3 credits
- PTA 100 Introduction to the PTA*2 3 credits
- PTA 110 PTA Interventions I*2 4 credits
- PTA 112 PTA Intervention II*2 5 credits
- PTA 113 Critical Application Skills I*2 1 credit
- PTA 115 Medical Terminology for the PTA*2 1 credit
- PTA 120 Musculoskeletal Anatomy & Function*2 4 credits
- PTA 125 Manual Therapy for the PTA*2 2 credits
- PTA 210 PTA Interventions III*2 4 credits
- PTA 213 Critical Application Skills II*2 1 credit
- PTA 220 PTA Interventions IV*2 5 credits
- PTA 224 Career Capstone*2 1 credit
- PTA 240 Pathology for the PTA*2 3 credits
- PTA 260 Critical Application Skills III*2 1 credit
- PTA 270 Clinical Education I*2 3 credits
- PTA 280 Clinical Education II*2 3 credits
- PTA 290 Clinical Education III*2 4 credits

Total credits required for graduation 71 credits

Please Note
Completion of the ATI TEAS Exam is required prior to admission (visit attesting.com to register).

The PTA program has specific academic requirements that must be completed to be eligible to apply for admissions. Please refer to the Admissions section of the Catalog for details.

** BIO 111 General Biology I w/lab is a pre-requisite for BIO 131 Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab.

Additional Information
1. Core courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
2. PTA courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better.

*Indicates courses require the completion of a prerequisite.

The PTA Program at Quincy College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 617-405-5939 or email crodday@quincycollege.edu.