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Quincy College Plymouth Campus hosts Open House for Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Community invited to learn more about one-of-a-kind program offered in Plymouth - one of only six PTA programs in the Commonwealth

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Plymouth, MA (2/18/16) - Quincy College will host a Physical Therapist Assistant Open House for prospective clinical instructors and prospective students on Wednesday, February 24 at the Plymouth Campus at 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA. Prospective clinical instructors who would like to work with students are invited to visit the new PTA lab at Quincy College, to meet the course instructors and have questions answered about the program from 4pm to 5pm. From 5pm to 6pm, prospective students will be able to meet program faculty, experience the practical lab space, speak with a representative from academic advising, and hear about current PTA students experiences from students themselves.

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is a 2 year, 5 semester Associate Degree program. The inaugural class of 9 PTA students began September 2015 and will graduate Spring 2017 from Quincy College PTA program. PTA graduates work under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The PTA program is a combination of foundational education courses, technical education courses, and clinical experiences. Students complete three clinical affiliations during the program, and this allows them a chance to network and frequently creates job leads post-graduation. PTAs are employed by hospitals, outpatient facilities, and rehabilitation facilities to name a few and can work in areas specializing in a wide range of topics including geriatrics, pediatrics, neurology, and orthopedics.

The Quincy College PTA program uniquely fulfills a need in the region - it is one-of-a-kind in the Plymouth and South Eastern Massachusetts and one of only six programs in the state of Massachusetts.

The [American Physical Therapy Association \(APTA\)](#) estimates that in 2016 demand for full-time physical therapists will exceed 229,000, with a pool of candidates of around 196,000-creating a gap of 33,000 unfilled jobs. Like other health care fields, demand has increased due to greater accessibility to health insurance and the aging population. Quincy College's PTA Program provides new pathways to healthcare professions for prospective students and the greater community, addressing a critical skills gap head-on and meeting employer needs in the Commonwealth.

Quincy College held a grand opening for their Physical Therapist Assistant Program Laboratory last fall on the Plymouth Campus. The PTA Laboratory is the main laboratory and educational space for the new Quincy College Physical Therapist Assistant Program. The 900 square foot PTA lab is fully equipped with modern equipment and full of technology that is at the forefront of PTA training. This includes, but is not limited to, providing the students technology for completing electronic documentation and SMART Board outfitted classrooms for instruction.

Effective April 29, 2015, Quincy College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates that the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Candidate for accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

Registration is encouraged for the February 24th PTA Open House; please visit <https://ptaplymouthopenhouse.splashthat.com> to register. In addition to the February 24th Open House, Quincy College hosts monthly Health Science Information Sessions to support the Nursing, Physical Therapy Assistant, and Health Sciences programs. For more information about the Quincy College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program, visit the PTA website at <http://www.quincycollege.edu/pta>.



About Quincy College

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. As the "College of the South Shore", Quincy College draws a diversity of students from the greater metro Boston area, South Shore, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu



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