

# 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 Therapist Assistant.

*The PTA Program at Quincy College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave Suite 100 Alexandria, VA 22305-3085, 800-999-2782, email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 617-405-5969 or email [camorosino@quincycollege.edu](mailto:camorosino@quincycollege.edu)*

General Education Requirements – see p. 89		Credits
<b>26 credits total</b>		
BIO 131	Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab <sup>12</sup>	4 credits
BIO 132	Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab <sup>12</sup>	4 credits
	Computer Science <sup>2</sup>	3 credits
ENG 101	English Composition I <sup>2</sup>	3 credits
ENG 102	English Composition II <sup>12</sup>	3 credits
	History/Government <sup>2</sup>	3 credits
MAT 107	Statistics <sup>12</sup>	3 credits
PSY 216	Growth & Development <sup>2</sup>	3 credits

Program Requirements – 45 credits total		Credits
PTA 100	Introduction to the PTA <sup>3</sup> (F)	3 credits
PTA 110	PTA Interventions I <sup>3</sup> (F)	4 credits
PTA 112	PTA Interventions II <sup>3</sup> (S)	5 credits
PTA 113	Critical Application Skills I <sup>3</sup> (F)	1 credit
PTA 115	Medical Terminology for the PTA <sup>3</sup> (F)	1 credit
PTA 120	Musculoskeletal Anatomy & Function <sup>3</sup> (S)	4 credits
PTA 125	Manual Therapy for the PTA <sup>3</sup> (S)	2 credits
PTA 210	PTA Interventions III <sup>3</sup> (F)	4 credits
PTA 213	Critical Application Skills II <sup>3</sup> (S)	1 credit
PTA 220	PTA Interventions IV <sup>3</sup> (F)	5 credits
PTA 224	Career Capstone <sup>3</sup> (S)	1 credit
PTA 240	Pathology for the PTA <sup>3</sup> (F)	3 credits
PTA 260	Critical Application Skills III <sup>3</sup> (F)	1 credits
PTA 270	Clinical Education I <sup>3</sup> (SU)	3 credits
PTA 280	Clinical Education II <sup>3</sup> (S)	3 credits
PTA 290	Clinical Education III <sup>3</sup> (S)	4 credits

**Total credits required for graduation**

**71 credits**

### Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.
2. General education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.
3. PTA courses must be completed with a grade of "B-" or better.

All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

### Please Note

Completion of the ATI TEAS Exam is required prior to admission (visit [atitesting.com](http://atitesting.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.

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

## Associate in Science Degree

Semester 1	Credits	Pre-Requisites
BIO 131 Anatomy and Physiology I w/lab	4 Credits	BIO 111
PTA 100 Introduction to the PTA	3 Credits	Admission into the PTA program
PTA 110 PTA Interventions I	4 Credits	Admission into the PTA program
PTA 113 Critical Application Skills I	1 Credit	Admission into the PTA program
PTA 115 Medical Terminology for the PTA	1 Credit	Admission into the PTA program
PTA 240 Pathology for the PTA	3 Credits	Admission into the PTA program
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	

Semester 2	Credits	Pre-Requisites
BIO 132 Anatomy and Physiology II w/lab	4 Credits	BIO 131
PTA 112 PTA Intervention II	5 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 113, PTA 115, 240
PTA 120 Musculoskeletal Anatomy and Function	4 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 113, PTA 115, 240
PTA 125 Manual Therapy for the PTA	2 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 113, PTA 115, 240
PTA 213 Critical Application Skills II	1 Credit	PTA 100, 110, 113, PTA 115, 240
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
MAT 107 Statistics	3 Credits	MAT 097
CSI 101 Computer Science	3 Credits	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 Credits	
PTA 270 Clinical Education I	3 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 213, 240
<b>Total</b>	<b>12 credits</b>	

Semester 4	Credits	Pre-Requisites
ENG 102 English Composition II	3 Credits	ENG 101
PSY 216 Growth & Development	3 Credits	
PTA 210 PTA Interventions III	4 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 213, 240, 270
PTA 220 PTA Interventions IV	5 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 213, 240, 270
PTA 260 Critical Application Skills III	1 Credit	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 213, 240, 270
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 credits</b>	

Semester 5	Credits	Pre-Requisites
HIS 101 History/Government	3 Credits	
PTA 280 Clinical Education II	3 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 210, 213, 220, 240, 260, 270
PTA 290 Clinical Education III	4 Credits	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 210, 213, 220, 240, 260, 270, 280
PTA 224 Career Capstone	1 Credit	PTA 100, 110, 112, 113, 115, 120, 125, 210, 213, 220, 240, 260, 270, 280, 290
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 credits</b>	

### Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

### Student Resources:

**Academic Advising**  
617-984-1720

**Dean's Office of Liberal Arts**  
617-405-5920

**Dean's Office of Natural and Health Science**  
617-405-5960

**Dean's Office of Nursing**  
617-405-5990

**Dean's Office of Professional Programs**  
617-405-5920

**Financial Aid Office**  
617-984-1620

**Registrar's Office**  
617-984-1650

**Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services**  
617-405-5915