



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

CONCENTRATION

People who work in the physical therapy field enjoy a certain type of gratification, oftentimes helping patients recover from serious injuries. Whether it's back or neck issues, arthritis, or just simply pains and strains, the rewards of helping someone regain their mobility is great.

At ECPI University's College of Health Science, you could earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant in as little as 1.5 years through ECPI University's year-round program.

Outcomes

Student/Graduate Level Goals:

- ▶ Prepare graduates for entry-level practice as physical therapist assistants who will work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner.
- ▶ Prepare graduates to demonstrate entry-level critical thinking skills to effectively address patient care situations and to adapt to the rapidly changing challenges in health care and physical therapist assistant responsibilities.

Program Level Goals:

- ▶ Will educate the students in cultural diversity, effective communication, and professional behaviors.
- ▶ Will facilitate participation in community service and lifelong learning activities.
- ▶ The PTA Program will provide a contemporary, comprehensive, and evidence-based curriculum appropriate for an entry-level physical therapist assistant.

Program Faculty Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA faculty will engage in on-going professional development related to enhancing knowledge of contemporary physical therapy practice, pedagogy, and service.

Possible Career Settings

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Extended Care Facilities
- ▶ Outpatient Clinics
- ▶ Fitness Centers
- ▶ Rehabilitation Facilities
- ▶ Occupational Environments
- ▶ Skilled Nursing Facilities
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Homes
- ▶ Sports Training Facilities

CAPTE**Commission on Accreditation
in Physical Therapy Education**

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) at the following ECPI University campuses: Newport News and Richmond/ Emerywood, Virginia. This is a programmatic accreditation by CAPTE, a specialized accreditation agency for qualified entry-level education programs for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. For more information, visit <http://www.capteonline.org>.

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

To receive the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant, the student must earn 73 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 5 semesters, 18 months, or 75 weeks of instruction.

Program requirements are as follows:

CORE CURRICULUM

50 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

	CREDITS
Professional Issues for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
Musculoskeletal	3
Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3
Rehabilitation I Assessment	2
Rehabilitation II Therapeutic Modalities	3
Rehabilitation III Therapeutic Exercise	3
Medical & Surgical Conditions I	2
Medical & Surgical Conditions II	2
Neurological Rehabilitation	3
Rehabilitation IV Devices	2
Motor Development & Aging	2
Clinical Education Experience I	4
Clinical Education Experience II	4
Clinical Education Experience III	4
Clinical Education Experience IV	4
Physical Therapist Assistant Preparatory	3

ARTS AND SCIENCES*

20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

	CREDITS
Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology	3
Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology LAB	1
Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology	3
Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology LAB	1
College Composition	3
Culture and Diversity	3
College Algebra	3
Introduction to Psychology	3

*For allowable substitutions of arts and sciences courses, see the Arts and Sciences Department page.

SELF-INTEGRATION

4 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

	CREDITS
Office Applications	2
Career Orientation	1

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

73

Program includes a total of 1,740 contact hours.

*These are the courses making up the degree plan at the time of student enrollment. The University, at its sole discretion, may modify the program track as deemed necessary.

START DATE _____**ORIENTATION** _____**Tuition Includes**

- CPR Training and Certification
- Internships / Externships and Clinical Assignments
- Tutoring
- Parking fees
- Graduate employment services
- Full- and part-time job assistance while attending school

Application Fee \$15 non-refundable, one-time charge

Registration Fee \$100

Monthly Payment Monthly payments are determined after all federal grants and loans, scholarships, and alternative loans are applied.

What You Need

- Complete FAFSA online at fafsa.gov (for help go to: ecpi.edu/fafsa)
- 3 references

Program Cost

- Medical Radiography (AAS) =
5 semesters x \$9,720 = \$48,600 (estimate)
- Physical Therapist Assistant (AAS) =
5 semesters x \$9,720 = \$48,600 (estimate)
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AAS)=
6 semesters x \$9,720 = \$58,320 (estimate)
- ECPI semester = 15 weeks consisting of three 5-week terms
- Technology fee = \$480.00 per semester
- ECPI University reserves the right to make changes in tuition and fees without further notice.

**HEALTH SCIENCE
PROGRAM DEGREE****ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

- Medical Radiography
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography

*Programs offered vary by campus location.

