

2018-2019 TTC Catalog

Physical Therapist Assistant

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Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

75 Credit Hours

The Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students to implement physical therapy interventions, including therapeutic exercises, functional training and physical modalities such as electrotherapy and ultrasound, as well as providing instruction in exercise, proper body mechanics and other injury prevention and wellness topics. Additional duties include reimbursement responsibilities, documentation and continuing education. PTAs work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Graduates become licensed by passing the National Physical Therapy Exam for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Accreditation

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
1111 North Fairfax St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
703.706.3245
accreditation@apta.org
www.capteonline.org

General Education Core Requirements

ENG 101 English Composition I 3
MAT 109 College Algebra with Modeling 3
or
MAT 110 College Algebra 3
or
MAT 120 Probability and Statistics 3
PSY 201 General Psychology 3
SPC 205 Public Speaking 3
or
SPC 209 Interpersonal Communication 3
REQ HUM Select from 3
[Humanities](#)

Total: 15

Major Requirements

AHS 104 Medical Vocabulary-Anatomy 3
BIO 210 Anatomy and Physiology I 4
BIO 211 Anatomy and Physiology II 4

PTH 101 Physical Therapy Professional Preparation 2
PTH 202 Physical Therapy Modalities 4
PTH 205 Physical Therapy Functional Anatomy 4
PTH 221 Pathology I 2
PTH 222 Pathology II 2
PTH 230 Clinical Electrotherapy 3
PTH 235 Interpersonal Dynamics 2
PTH 240 Therapeutic Exercises/Applications 5
PTH 242 Orthopedic Management 4
PTH 244 Rehabilitation 4
PTH 245 Pediatric Physical Therapy 2
PTH 252 Clinical Practice 2
PTH 266 Physical Therapy Practicum I 6
PTH 275 Advanced Professional Preparation 1
PTH 276 Physical Therapy Practicum II 6

Total: 60

Applicants will be admitted to this program on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Applicants are considered to be qualified for admission to the next available class when they meet all college and program requirements. Classes in this program begin Summer Semester.

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. a. **General College Admission Requirements** Achieve admission to the college by meeting TTC's requirements for associate degree programs. Please note that applicants not achieving appropriate test scores will be required to complete courses indicated by placement test scores.
Note: Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.
- b. **Program Admission Requirements**
Applicants should ensure that documentation of each of the following admission requirements is on file in the Admissions office as soon as it is completed. Information may be submitted in person or by mail to:
Trident Technical College
Admissions Office, AM-M
(Student Center, Bldg. 410, Room 110)
P.O. Box 118067
Charleston, SC 29423-8067
 - i. Achieve qualifying scores on the college's placement test, SAT or ACT. Contact an academic advisor and complete all courses indicated by placement test scores.
 - ii. Provide proof of high school graduation or equivalent by submitting a copy of your high school transcript, diploma or GED.
 - iii. Submit official copies of all college transcripts, other than TTC transcripts, to the Admissions office.
 - iv. Complete a Health Sciences application for the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Note: When the number of applicants qualifying at the same time exceeds the number of spaces available in this program, admission will be prioritized according to the date and time that the Health Sciences application was received in the Admissions office.

- v. Complete the online Information Session and quiz with a score of 100 percent.
- vi. Provide proof of a minimum 2.75 GPA on all college course work by submitting copies of official college transcripts, excluding TTC transcripts, to the Admissions office; or complete 10 semester hours with a minimum grade of C in each course and a cumulative 2.75 GPA. At least one of these courses must be laboratory science. Laboratory sciences must have been taken within five years of admission date with a minimum grade of C.
- vii. Earn a grade of C or better in all courses required for the program. Laboratory sciences and AHS 104 must have been completed within five years of admission date.
- viii. Maintain a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA and not be on academic or disciplinary suspension at the time of admission and date of entry into the program. No more than four of the nine courses required as prerequisites may be repeated to meet this admission criterion. No one course may be repeated more than once.
- ix. Submit to the Admissions office a completed observation form documenting a minimum of 40 hours spent in a physical therapy facility. While all 40 hours may be completed in a hospital, it is preferred that the observation hours be divided between hospital and nonhospital facilities, with a minimum of 20 hours in an acute care or acute rehab hospital in the inpatient PT department. The applicant is responsible for arranging the observation experience.
- x. At the time of entry to the program, show evidence of completion of the criminal background check required by the college.
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3. General Admission Procedures for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Applicants who meet college and program requirements will be considered qualified and will be admitted on a first-qualified, first-admitted basis. Qualified applicants will be notified via my.tridenttech.edu email indicating the year and semester that they have been admitted. Students will be required to provide a completed, current Health Sciences – Student Health Record including all immunizations and titers, TB (PPD) tests, as well as current Healthcare Provider CPR certification, major medical insurance and medical professional liability coverage.

Students will also be notified by my.tridenttech.edu email the date and time of the mandatory program orientation. Failure to attend will result in forfeiture of seat in the program.

Note: Falsification of any information submitted will make a student ineligible for admission to or continuation in the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Course Progression

To progress to the next Physical Therapist Assistant course, the student must complete all Physical Therapist Assistant courses with a grade of C or better. The student must earn a grade of satisfactory on the final professional development evaluation each semester of the program.

Note: Students are responsible for transportation, meals and housing expenses during clinical rotations.