



Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS Degree - 74 credits

Program Area: Health (Fall 2017)

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Program Description

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program provides an opportunity to become an educated health care provider who delivers physical therapy services under the supervision of a physical therapist. The PTA is able to observe and assess the patient's condition, teach exercises and activities of daily living, use specialized equipment, demonstrate professional skills while implementing treatment procedures, observe the patient's response to treatment, and document. Physical therapy practitioners minimize physical disability, movement dysfunction, and pain. Physical therapist assistants may find opportunity to work in a variety of settings.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the PTA Program will be able to:

- Work under the supervision of a physical therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner.
- Implement a comprehensive treatment plan developed by a physical therapist.
- Communicate regularly with supervising physical therapists about the patient's progress and the need for adjustments to be made by the physical therapist in treatment procedures in accordance with changes in patient status.
- Perform appropriate data collection techniques within the knowledge and limits of practice to assist supervising physical therapists in monitoring and modifying the plan of care.
- Interact with patients and families in a manner which provides the desired psychosocial support including the recognition of cultural and socioeconomic differences.
- Participate in the teaching of other health care providers, patients and families.
- Document relevant aspects of patient treatment.
- Participate in discharge planning and follow-up care.
- Demonstrate effective written, oral, and nonverbal communication with patients and their families, colleagues, health care providers, and the public.
- Demonstrate an understanding of levels of authority and responsibility; planning, time management, supervisory process, performance evaluations, policies and procedures; fiscal considerations for physical therapy providers and consumers; continuous quality improvement; and evidence-based practice.

Pre-Program Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
ALTH1410	Medical Terminology	1	
BIOL1005	Introduction to Cell Biology	1	
BIOL1140	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	
ENGL1106	College Composition I	3	

Required Courses

Course	Course title	Credits	Term
BIOL1141	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4	
PTA1000	Introduction to Health and Medical Literature	1	
PTA1400	Documentation for PTAs	1	
PTA1410	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assisting	2	
PTA1411	Procedures for PTAs I	2	
PTA1417	Clinical Experience I	2	
PTA1421	Pathophysiology for PTAs I	1	
PTA1431	Therapeutic Exercise I	2	
PTA1460	Functional Kinesiology I	2	
PTA1512	Procedures for PTAs II	2	
PTA1522	Pathophysiology for PTAs II	1	
PTA1527	Clinical Experience II	2	
PTA1532	Therapeutic Exercise II	4	
PTA1541	Issues in Physical Therapy Practice I	1	
PTA1562	Functional Kinesiology II	3	
PTA1564	Manual Therapy Techniques	2	
COMM1105 OR COMM1100	Interpersonal Communication OR Introduction to Communication	3	
PSYC1135	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3	
PTA2613	Procedures for PTAs III	2	
PTA2623	Pathophysiology for PTAs III	2	
PTA2637	Clinical Experience III	2	
PTA2642	Issues in Physical Therapy Practice II	1	
PTA2650	Rehabilitation and Functional Therapy	4	
PTA2651	Advanced Physical Therapy Techniques	3	
PTA2790	Clinical Internship I	6	
PTA2792	Clinical Internship II	6	
PTA2840	Professional Integration	1	

Total credits

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*Courses may require a prerequisite. Refer to the course outline or check with an advisor.



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- Demonstrate professional behaviors required for success in the field of physical therapy.
 - Identify career development and life-long learning opportunities.
 - Demonstrate knowledge of physical therapy principles and concepts.
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Qualified applicants should be aware that program class sizes are limited, which may delay acceptance into the program.

You may be required to complete additional (or less) coursework, dependent upon the results of your Computerized Placement Test (CPT) and/or previous coursework completed or certifications awarded. General Education courses required by this program may be taken during any term, including prior to formal program acceptance, as long as the specific prerequisites for that course have been met. Please check with your advisor. All courses in the program need to be completed with a grade of "C" or better. To be considered program-ready for fall, the minimum cumulative GPA for pre-program courses must be 3.0 or better (excludes BIOL1005).

Pre-program Requirements

Successful entry into this program requires a specific level of skill in the areas of English, mathematics, and reading. Program entry will depend, in part, on meeting the prerequisites listed below.

English/Reading:

- A score of 78 or higher on the reading comprehension portion of the CPT
- OR completion of ENGL0950 or READ0950, which may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework
- OR ENGL0955 or READ0955, which may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework
- OR equivalent transfer course or higher

Mathematics:

- A score of 33 or higher on the Elementary Algebra Skills portion of the CPT, OR
- Completion of MATH0520, which may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework
- OR its equivalent transfer course or higher with a grade of "C" or better

NOTE: You will need a recent physical examination including current immunizations and current negative Tuberculosis (TB) screening. Current certification in American Heart Association: BLS Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross: BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers is required for all clinical courses. ALTH1430 will satisfy this requirement for one year. Background Study approval is required from the State of Minnesota/or Wisconsin. A national criminal background study is required by some clinical sites. Students assigned to a clinical site requiring a criminal background study will be informed of this requirement prior to the start of the clinical experience.

*A Verification of Volunteer Work form must be submitted to Verified Credentials.

Program Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Lake Superior 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>

For more information about the Physical Therapist Assistant Military Bridge AAS degree including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities see program website: at <http://blogs.lsc.edu/ptaprogram/> OR contact advising at 218-733-7601 or pat@lsc.edu. Jane Worley, Director of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, can be contacted at 218-733-7632 or j.worley@lsc.edu



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