

## ■ PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM (PHTA)

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S.) DEGREE

**Occupational title: Physical Therapist Assistant  
Newport County Campus only**

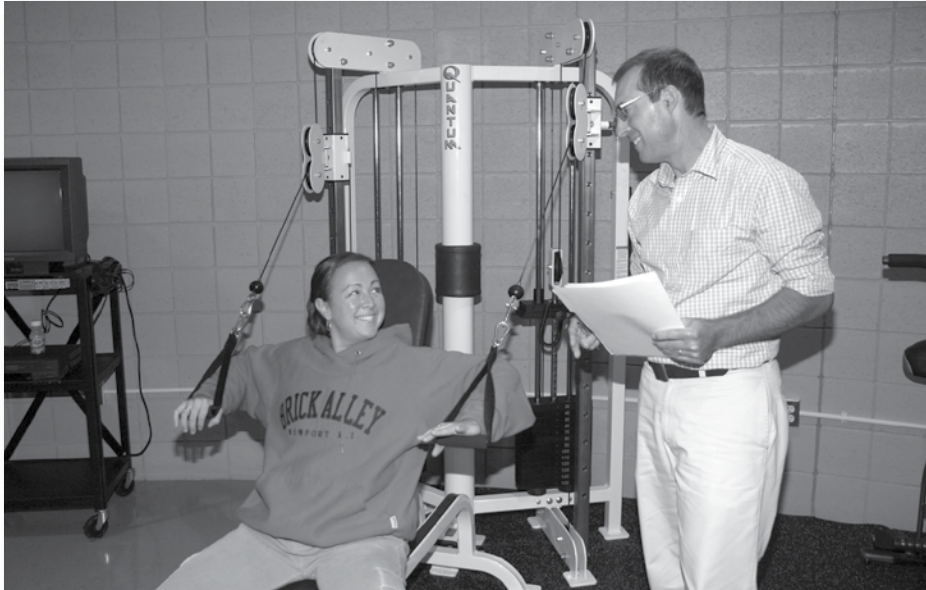
*The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.*

Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of a physical therapist utilizing prescribed activities to help patients recover physical function lost through disease, injury or other causes, and to relieve pain and promote healing. Licensed physical therapist assistants work in public or private hospitals, clinics, school systems or other health agencies.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is a full-time, day program. It consists of a variety of courses that includes physical therapy theory and practice as well as supporting courses from general education.

Students who successfully complete this program are eligible to take the licensure examination for physical therapist assistants.

**Technical standards:** The physical activity level for the physical therapist assistant is classified as “medium” by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles.



**P** This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.

## GENERAL POLICIES

See important general policies in beginning of this section on academic progress, advanced standing, background check, CPR certification, health insurance, health records, reinstatement, transportation, uniforms and equipment.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Submit a completed performance-based application.
- Proof of high school diploma or GED including date of graduation.
- English ACCUPLACER placement test results must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I or the applicant must have completed ENGL 1005 with a grade of “C” or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
- Demonstrated competency at the MATH 1420 level by scoring 52 or better on arithmetic section of ACCUPLACER test or completion of MATH 0500 with a “C” or better.
- Reading comprehension ACCUPLACER test must show competency at 75 or above or completion of ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B” or better.
- Successful completion of Biology 1010: Human Anatomy, PHTA 1000: Introduction to the Physical Therapist Assistant, and RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology with grade of “C” or better.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better in all college courses.
- Completion of health requirements and BCI established by CCRI and the program prior to the beginning of the program.
- Current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider Level) obtained through an American Heart Association-recognized community training center (course is available at CCRI, HEAL 0200).
- Program faculty reserve the right to require withdrawal of any student from the program or to refuse reinstatement based on the student’s academic, clinical or behavioral performance.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM** (continued)**PREADMISSION GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS****NOTE: THESE COURSES MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION.**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1010*	Human Anatomy	4

**PREADMISSION MAJOR REQUIREMENTS****NOTE: THESE COURSES MUST BE TAKEN PRIOR TO PROGRAM ADMISSION**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 1000	Introduction to the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1010	Medical Terminology for Rehab	1
<b>Total Preadmission Major Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> ENGL 1010*	Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> BIOL 1020 <b>P</b>	Human Physiology	4
<input type="checkbox"/> MATH 1420*	Introduction to College Math	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1100	Oral Communication I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2010	General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PSYC 2030 <b>P</b>	Developmental Psychology	3
<b>Total General Education Credits</b>		<b>23</b>

\*Placement test required

**Full-time students should take courses as follows:****First semester take:** RHAB 1110; PHTA 1120, 1010; BIOL 1020; MATH 1420**Second semester take:** PHTA 1020; RHAB 1030; SPCH 1100; PSYC 2010; ENGL 1010**Third semester (Summer) take:** PHTA 2910**Fourth semester take:** PHTA 2010, 2920, 2030**Fifth semester take:** PHTA 2020, 2040, 2930**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS - NOTE: STUDENTS MUST BE ACCEPTED TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE TAKING ANY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.**

COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1110+ <b>P</b>	Kinesiology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 1120 <b>P</b>	Test and Measurements for Physical Therapist Assistants	2
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 1010 <b>P</b>	Physical Therapist Assistant I	6
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 1020 <b>P</b>	Physical Therapist Assistant II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> RHAB 1030 <b>P</b>	Pathophysiology for Rehabilitative Health Practitioners	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2910** <b>P</b>	Clinical Education I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2010 <b>P</b>	Physical Therapist Assistant III	7
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2920** <b>P</b>	Clinical Education II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2020 <b>P</b>	Physical Therapist Assistant IV	7
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2030 <b>P</b>	Physical Therapy for Impaired Neuro Function	1*
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2930** <b>P</b> <b>C</b>	Clinical Education III	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PHTA 2040 <b>P</b> <b>C</b>	PTA Career Development Seminar	1
<b>Total Major Credits</b>		<b>44-45</b>

**General Education Credits** 23**Major Requirements Credits** 44-45**Total Program Credits** 67-68

\*\*40 hours of clinical education for six weeks for a total of 240 hours for PHTA 2910, 2920 and 2930

+ Students are strongly encouraged to take RHAB 1110 in the summer semester prior to entering the program.

\*NOTE: PHTA 2030: PT for Impaired Neuro Function, an optional support course for PHTA 2020, can be taken in the fifth semester to achieve full-time status.

**C** Corequisites: Take prior to or during the same semester.**P** This course has a prerequisite. See Course Descriptions section for class hours, prerequisites and corequisites.