

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (AAS)

## Health Science

Program website (<https://www.harpercollege.edu/academics/health/physical-therapist-assistant/degree-program.php>)

## Program Overview

This 69 credit-hour Physical Therapist Assistant degree program prepares the student to provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist, treating patients of all ages who present with various medical conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the National Physical Therapist Examination (NPTE) for licensure as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Harper College is accredited by the:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)  
3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100  
Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085  
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email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org)  
website: [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org) (<https://www.capteonline.org/>).

If needing to contact the program coordinator directly, please call 847.925.6861 or email [rgura@harpercollege.edu](mailto:rgura@harpercollege.edu).

Because of the nature of clinical experiences and individualized instruction required in this program and specialized technology and the equipment necessary to offer this program, a higher tuition rate is assessed for career-specific courses including courses with the PTA prefix. Students pay 1.5 the regular rate of tuition.

## Admission Requirements

For admission requirements, please contact the Admissions Outreach Office at 847.925.6700 or visit: [harpercollege.edu](http://harpercollege.edu) (<https://www.harpercollege.edu/>) Students who apply for this limited enrollment program are obligated to meet current admission requirements and follow program curriculum as defined at the time of acceptance to the program.

## Program Requirements

Prerequisites	Hours
A grade of C or better in all BIO, ENG and HSC coursework is required for all students.	
BIO 260 Human Anatomy <sup>1</sup>	4
ENG 101 Composition I	3
HSC 112 Medical Terminology	2
Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	3
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### Physical Therapist Assistant Summer Session I

A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.	
PTA 111 Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>First Semester</b>	
A grade of C or better in all BIO, HSC and PTA coursework is required for all students.	
BIO 261 Human Physiology <sup>1</sup>	4
PTA 101 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PTA 105 Orthopedics for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4
PTA 120 Therapeutic Exercise for Physical Therapist Assistant I	1
PTA 140 Intervention Fundamentals	2
<b>Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>	
A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.	
PTA 115 Manual Techniques for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PTA 160 Pathophysiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
PTA 201 Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4
PTA 205 Therapeutic Modalities	2
PTA 210 Neurology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4
<b>Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Physical Therapy Assistant Summer Session II</b>	
A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.	
PTA 130 Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience I	2
PTA 208 Special Populations for the Physical Therapist Assistant	1
PTA 220 Therapeutic Exercise for Physical Therapist Assistant II	1
<b>Hours</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>	
A grade of C or better in all PTA coursework is required for all students.	
PTA 215 Advanced Interventions	2
PTA 225 Professional Seminar for Physical Therapist Assistants	1
PTA 230 Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience II	4
PTA 235 Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical Experience III	7
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology <sup>+</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>69</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must be completed no earlier than five years prior to beginning the PTA program. Time requirement may be waived for direct patient care providers with a minimum of a two-year allied health degree.

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<sup>2</sup> MTH 103 is recommended for students planning to complete a PTA to DPT bridge program in the future. MTH 101 or higher with a grade of C or better may be substituted.

+ This course meets the World Culture and Diversity graduation requirement.