

# Physical Therapist Assistant



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## Physical Therapist Assistant is a unique program leading to an exciting career.

Physical therapy is a health profession that involves direct care of individuals who experience temporary or permanent disability due to pain, injury, disease or birth defects. Working under the supervision of a physical therapist, the physical therapist assistant helps people improve their mobility and level of function through the use of exercise, manual therapy and assistive technologies. Job opportunities may be found in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, outpatient offices, sports medicine clinics, schools and home health care agencies.

Greenville Technical College's Physical Therapist Assistant program curriculum consists of 30 credit hours of general education courses called Phase I, which may be completed on a full-time or a part-time basis or transferred in from other colleges. Phase II consists of 46 credit hours of physical therapist assistant technical/professional courses. These can be completed over three and one-half consecutive semesters full-time, or five and one-half extended-track semesters at GTC's Benson Campus, or the Florence-Darlington Technical College campus. BIO 150 is a Phase I course available online or in a traditional classroom format and must be completed at GTC. There is no transfer equivalent for BIO 150.

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum consists of academic courses as well as 14 total weeks of full-time clinical affiliations.

## Career Talk

Students who are interested in the PTA program must attend a Career Talk information session held monthly at GTC's Benson Campus. Call (864) 250-8195 for dates. For the Career Talk schedule at Florence-Darlington Technical College, call (843) 661-8270.



## Program Award

- Physical Therapist Assistant Associate Degree

## Program Options

- Our PTA program is in a 1+1 format. You may be able to complete your first year at a technical college or university near you and complete your PTA degree at Greenville Technical College, with the exception of BIO 150.
- Many general education courses are available online.
- Clinical requirements may be completed near your home, if facilities are available.

## Curriculum

### Phase I Required General Education Courses

AHS	102	Medical Terminology	3.0
BIO	150	Introduction to Kinesiology	1.0
BIO	210	Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0
BIO	211	Anatomy & Physiology II	4.0
ENG	101	English Composition I	3.0
MAT	120	Probability & Statistics	3.0
PSY	201	General Psychology	3.0
PSY	203	Human Growth & Development	3.0
SPC	205	Public Speaking	3.0
		or	
SPC	209	Interpersonal Communications Humanities Elective	3.0

### Phase II Required PTA Courses

PTH	102	Introduction to PT Intervention	2.0
PTH	105	Introduction to Kinesiology	3.0
PTH	115	Pathology for Physical Therapist Assistants	3.0
PTH	118	Physical Agents & Modalities	4.0
PTH	101	Physical Therapy Professional Preparation	2.0
PTH	220	Patient Assessment Techniques	4.0
PTH	226	Therapeutic Exercises	3.0
PTH	234	Clinical Education I	3.0
PTH	242	Orthopedic Management	4.0
PTH	246	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation	5.0
PTH	264	Clinical Education II	5.0
PTH	270	Special Topics in Physical Therapy	3.0
PTH	274	Clinical Education III	5.0

Total credit hours 76.0

### Admission into Phase II

- Career Talk required by March 31 of the year a student first submits a Phase II application. Information is valid for two years only.
- Initial advising session with the Phase II PTA program advisor is recommended as soon as you decide on PTA major.
- Once a student completes BIO 210, MAT 120 and ENG 101, he or she is assigned a PTA faculty member advisor for assistance in completing the weighted admission packet.
- Complete all required Phase I courses with a "C" or better and an overall GPA of at least 2.5 by the end of the Spring Semester prior to entering Phase II in the fall.
- Complete the PTA Program Weighted Admissions Application, available online, and submit all required documents to the PTA program director with appropriate documentation no later than March 31.

Upon graduation from Greenville Technical College's Physical Therapist Assistant program, students are awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree with a major in Physical Therapist Assistant, and are eligible to apply to take the national licensure examination. Upon successful completion of this exam, graduates become licensed physical therapist assistants.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is located at GTC's beautiful Benson Campus. Advising, registration, financial aid, and many other student services are available here. Call for an appointment to visit. We'd love to show you around.