

A.A.S. in Physical Therapist Assistant

Program Description

The Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant degree prepares students for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and PTA licensure.

Delivery Mode

Traditional (on campus)

Accreditation

Cal U's PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Curriculum

Course	Credits
General Education Courses	21
<i>Building a Sense of Community</i> UNI 100 First-Year Seminar	1
<i>Composition</i> ENG 101 English Composition I	3
<i>Public Speaking</i> CDC 101 Public Speaking	3
<i>Natural Sciences</i> HSC 110 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<i>Social Sciences</i> PSY 100 General Psychology	3
<i>General Education Options</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC 120 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits) • SOC 100 Principles of Sociology OR GTU 100 Intro to Gerontology (3 credits) 	7
Required Major Courses	50
PTA 100 Intro to Physical Therapist Assistant	3
PTA 101 Basic Physical Therapy Procedures	1
PTA 110 Intro to Pathology	2
PTA 150 PT Clinical Internship I	4
PTA 200 Professional Issues in PT	2

Department of Health Sciences

Course	Credits
PTA 205 Interventions in Cardiopulmonary Impairments	3
PTA 210 Interventions in Neurological Impairments	4
PTA 225 Interventions in Orthopedic Impairments	4
PTA 230 PT Interventions Across the Lifespan	3
PTA 240 PTA Special Topics	3
PTA 250 PT Clinical Internship II	12
PTA 260 Pharmacology and Imaging	2
HSC 275 Functional Kinesiology	3
HSC 290 Therapeutic Modalities	4
Total	71

Program Notes: Must pass Part A and Part B of Math Placement Test OR Pass Part A and take DMA 092 Developmental Algebra. The first semester consists of a pre-technical phase that is designed to be a rigorous test of students' academic abilities. Students' performance during this phase will largely determine if they are admitted to the technical phase of the program.

Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/associate/physical-therapist-assistant/index.aspx>