

# Nursing and Health Sciences

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## 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

The following five-semester schedule of courses provides a recommended framework for completing this program of study in 21 months.

Course	Credits
<b>PRE-TECHNICAL PHASE</b>	
<b>Fall Semester - Year One***</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>CDC 101</b> Public Speaking**	3
<b>HSC 110</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology I**	4
<b>PSY 100</b> General Psychology**	3
<b>PTA 100</b> Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant*	3
<b>PTA 101</b> Basic Physical Therapy Procedures*	1
<b>UNI 100</b> First-Year Seminar**	1
<b>TECHNICAL PHASE</b>	
<b>Spring Semester - Year One</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>ENG 101</b> English Composition I**	3
<b>GTY 100</b> Intro to Gerontology OR <b>SOC 100</b> Principles of Sociology**	3
<b>HSC 120</b> Human Anatomy and Physiology II**	4
<b>HSC 290</b> Therapeutic Modalities*	4
<b>PTA 230</b> Physical Therapy Across the Lifespan*	3
<b>Summer Semester - Year One</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>HSC 275</b> Functional Kinesiology*	3
<b>PTA 110</b> Introduction to Pathology*	2
<b>PTA 150</b> Physical Therapy Clinical Internship I*	4

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Course	Credits
<b>Fall Semester - Year Two</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>PTA 205</b> Interventions in Cardiopulmonary Impairments*	3
<b>PTA 210</b> Interventions in Neurologic Impairments*	4
<b>PTA 225</b> Interventions in Orthopedic Impairments*	4
<b>PTA 240</b> PTA Special Topics*	3
<b>PTA 260</b> Pharmacology and Imaging*	2
<b>Spring Semester - Year Two</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>PTA 200</b> Professional Issues in Physical Therapy*	2
<b>PTA 250</b> Physical Therapy Clinical Internship II*	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

\* Required major and related courses

\*\* Required and recommended General Education courses

\*\*\* This semester is designed to be a rigorous test of the student's academic abilities. The student's performance during the fall semester of the first year will largely determine if the student is admitted to the technical phase of the program.

## Program Webpage

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