

Program Information

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT



Aurora, CO

Program Overview

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The PTA implements the Physical Therapist's plan of care, assessing patient status and modifying selected interventions to progress and protect the safety and comfort of the patient. The PTA helps people of all ages who have impairments that limit movement, function, work and recreational activities. The PTA works in a variety of settings, including hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health, skilled nursing facilities, schools, sports facilities, and more. The PTA provides a variety of physical therapy techniques as they carry out the Physical Therapist's plan of care for the patient, including therapeutic exercise, functional training, soft tissue mobilization, and physical modalities, such as electrotherapy and ultrasound. The PTA may also assist the Physical Therapist in injury prevention, fitness, and wellness-oriented programs for a healthier and a more active lifestyle. To work as a PTA, an individual must graduate from a PTA program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), must apply and be accepted as a licensed/certified PTA applicant, and must pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTAE) and, if required by the state, the state jurisprudence examination. Other requirements vary from state to state, according to physical therapy practice acts or state regulations governing physical therapy.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the program is to graduate knowledgeable, competent, self-assured, adaptable, and service-oriented patient/client care providers. PTA education prepares the graduate to perform selected components of intervention and data collection and assess the patient's/client's safety and response to the interventions provided under the direction and supervision of the Physical Therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner. Additionally, graduates of the program must be prepared to communicate with other members of the healthcare delivery team; interact with members of the patient's/client's family and caregivers; and work cooperatively with other healthcare providers. Graduates are prepared to participate with the Physical Therapist in teaching other healthcare providers and providing psychosocial support for patients/clients and their families and caregivers with recognition of individual, cultural, and economic differences.

Course List

BIOL1310	Anatomy & Physiology I	PTAP1300	Introduction to Physical Therapy
BIOL1320	Anatomy & Physiology II	PTAP1320	Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation
COMM1310	Elements of Human Communication	PTAP1350	Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant
ENGL1310	English Composition I	PTAP1400	Functional & Applied Anatomy
MATH Elective	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320: College Algebra	PTAP2121	Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Lab
PSYC1310	General Psychology	PTAP2131	Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders Lab
PSYC1320	Human Growth & Development	PTAP2201	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation Lab
PTAP1201	Functional & Applied Anatomy Lab	PTAP2210	Rehabilitation Through the Lifespan
PTAP1210	Patient Care Skills	PTAP2220	Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation
PTAP1211	Patient Care Skills Lab	PTAP2230	Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders
PTAP1221	Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Lab	PTAP2340	Special Topics for the Physical Therapist Assistant
PTAP1240	Modalities	PTAP2400	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation
PTAP1241	Modalities Lab	PTAP2525	Clinical Experience I
		PTAP2535	Clinical Experience II

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