



CALHOUN
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate of Applied Science

About the Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program at Calhoun Community College is a five-semester program and will have the student learn in the classroom, lab setting, and the clinical setting. The PTA student will enroll in 3 full-time clinical experiences to practice and implement the skills learned in the classroom and lab to prepare them to be an excellent and competent PTAs. Upon graduation from the PTA program at Calhoun Community College, the student will sit for the PTA licensing exam.

Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) are skilled health workers who provide services to clients under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. PTAs help people of all ages who have health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. Job activities may include helping a person to exercise or learn to use crutches. Patients may be accident victims or individuals with disabling conditions such as arthritis or head injury or may be recovering from orthopedic surgery. PTAs work in a variety of settings including hospitals, outpatient clinics, home health, nursing homes, schools, sports facilities, and more. PTA is one of the top 50 fastest growing occupations in our country. The median income for a physical therapist assistant is \$42,000 depending on position, years of experience, degree of education, geographic location, and practice setting. *(Source: U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics)*

How Do I Apply?

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of Calhoun Community College and the Physical Therapist Assistant program. The specific application guidelines for applying to the program can be found in the PTA program application which can be found online at www.calhoun.edu. Applications received by the annual deadline will be reviewed for student enrollment in the fall.

How much will it cost?

Tuition at Calhoun – the fees paid to take classes – is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1140 - \$1520 per 15-week semester. A single 3-credit class will cost \$285. Other costs include books, supplies, clinical uniforms, transportation to class and clinicals. If you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study, scholarships, and loans.

**For further information about the PTA program
please visit the website at www.calhoun.edu or
contact the Allied Health Department at 256-306-2786.**

Curriculum

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS

ORI 101 Orientation to College	1
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking OR SPH 116 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications	3
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra.....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology.....	3
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	3
BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
Elective (Choose from Humanities, Religion, Foreign Language, Fine Arts).....	3
Total	30

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS

PTA 180 Medical Terminology OR EMS 106 Medical Terminology	1
PTA 200 Physical Therapy Issues & Trends.....	2
PTA 201 Physical Therapy Assistant Seminar.....	2
PTA 202 PTA Communication Skills.....	2
PTA 220 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	3
PTA 222 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology Lab	2
PTA 230 Neuroscience	2
PTA 231 Rehabilitation Techniques	2
PTA 232 Orthopedics for the PTA	2
PTA 240 Physical Disabilities	2
PTA 241 Physical Disabilities II.....	2
PTA 250 Therapeutic Procedures I.....	4
PTA 251 Therapeutic Procedures II.....	4
PTA 252 Physical Agents & Therapeutic Modalities.....	2
PTA 260 Clinical Education I	1
PTA 263 Clinical Affiliation I.....	3
PTA 268 Clinical Practicum	5
PTA 290 Therapeutic Exercise.....	1
Total	42
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*General Education Courses may be completed prior to entering the PTA Program.

Calhoun Community College is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; Accreditation@apta.org). The program will submit an *Application for Candidacy*, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status nor does it assure that the program will be granted Accreditation.

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