

Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate of Applied Science

Entry wage: \$43,829* Median wage: \$57,715* Job placement rate: 98%**

A day in the life

A physical therapist assistant (PTA) works under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. The profession requires working closely with patients in settings such as outpatient clinics, hospitals and skilled nursing facilities. The job is physically demanding. Excellent critical thinking skills and people skills are essential.

Three reasons to consider this program.

1. Your work improves people's lives. Imagine helping someone learn to walk again.
2. Roane State has outstanding facilities for PTAs.
3. Starting salaries for PTAs are good, and the job outlook is strong.

Before you sign up, make sure you understand...

1. The final year is academically challenging and is three full-time semesters.
2. You must be comfortable putting your hands on patients. PTAs have physical contact with patients.
3. Admission is competitive. The typical GPA for accepted students is above 3.5, and only 20 spots are available.

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ENGL 1010 Composition I
BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
MATH 1530 Introductory Statistics
ALHS 1211 Terminology for Medical Communi...

PHIL 1040 Introduction to Ethics
BIOL 2020 Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC 2130 Lifespan Development Psychology
PTAT 2200 Introduction to Physical Therapy

PTAT 2410 Kinesiology for the PTA
PTAT 2440 Biophysical Agents for the PTA
PTAT 2460 Patient Care Skills for the PTA
PTAT 2370 Professional Development for the PTA
PTAT 2190 Integrated Clinical Education I

PTAT 2530 Medical and Surgical Conditions for the ...
PTAT 2510 Musculoskeletal Conditions and Treatm...
PTAT 2520 Neuromuscular Conditions and Treatme...
PTAT 2170 Professional Development for the PTA
PTAT 2191 Integrated Clinical Education II
PTAT 2280 Seminar for the PTA
PTAT 2493 Terminal Clinical Education I
PTAT 2494 Terminal Clinical Education II

1st Fall

Oct. See advisor
Group advising
FAFSA
Nov Register

1st Spring

Jan Apply to PTA
Mar See advisor
Apr Register

2nd Fall

Aug Orientation
Sept Background check, CPR
Application for Graduation
Nov Register

2nd Spring

Feb Exit exam
Mar Tennessee license Register
May Register NPTE

2nd Summer

Jul NPTE
Job search

Post Interview
Candidates accepted
Informational meeting

Key Course: program faculty have identified this course as key to your success
Recommended Elective: check catalog for other acceptable courses
This map assumes completion of course prerequisites
*Tennessee Department of Labor **Average of 2019 - 2021 graduates