Physical Therapist Assistant
Associate of Applied Science Degree

Career and Technical Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium Program prepares students for employment as physical therapist assistants (PTA). The PTA functions through the direction of a physical therapist (PT) to implement the PT's plan of care. The ultimate goal of physical therapy is to aid patients and clients in their return to maximal function. PTA students are instructed in thinking processes and skills such as therapeutic exercise, orthopedic and neurological interventions, therapeutic modalities, and the art of patient care. In addition to patient treatment courses, students study the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, clinical pathology, and kinesiology. Clinical education experiences are integrated throughout the curriculum and offer students the opportunity to practice the techniques learned and practiced each semester. The program is designed to be completed in two years.

The Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education at the College of Southern Idaho, the College of Western Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and North Idaho College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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Admission Requirements

Competitive Entry
1. High school diploma or GED.
2. Application to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.
3. Minimum grades of C or 2.00 must be earned in each of the prerequisite courses required for the program.

Prerequisites:
- BIOL-227
- CAOT-179
- ENGL-101
- MATH-123*

* Mathematics requirement includes any math course that is MATH-123 or higher and fulfills the A.A.S. degree requirement as list in the NIC catalog.

4. All lab science courses which were completed more than seven years prior to application must be repeated.
5. Documentation showing a minimum of 16 hours of observation in a physical therapy clinical setting.
6. A criminal background check will be required upon acceptance. Violations may result in denied access to clinical sites and therefore inability to complete the program. For questions regarding specific violations, please contact program director.

Admission Procedures

For program specific requirements please refer to the Physical Therapist Assistant program website.

Program Requirements

First Semester

Course No. Title Credits
BIOL-227 Anatomy and Physiology I 1 4
CAOT-179 Medical Terminology 2
ENGL-101 English Composition 1 3
MATH-123 Contemporary Math 1 3
PSYC-101 Introduction to Psychology 1 3

Semester Total 15

Second Semester

BIOI-228 Anatomy and Physiology II 4
PTAE-101 Physical Therapy in Health Care 2
PTAE-107 Kinesiology 4
PTAE-110 Principles and Procedures in Physical Therapy 3
PTAE-112 Clinical Pathology 1 1

Semester Total 14

Third Semester

PTAE-202 Therapeutic Modalities 4
PTAE-203 Therapeutic Exercise 3
PTAE-205 Orthopedic Rehabilitation 2
PTAE-211 Data Collection 3
PTAE-212 Clinical Pathology 2 2

Semester Total 14

Fourth Semester

COMM-101 Introduction to Communication 1 3
PTAE-215 Special Populations 3
PTAE-217 Neurological Rehabilitation 4
PTAE-220 Seminar 3
PTAE-245 Clinical Affiliation 1 2

Semester Total 15

Fifth Semester

PTAE-250 Clinical Affiliation 2 6
PTAE-255 Clinical Affiliation 3 6

Semester Total 12

Program Total 70

NOTES:
1 Satisfies A.A.S. degree requirement.