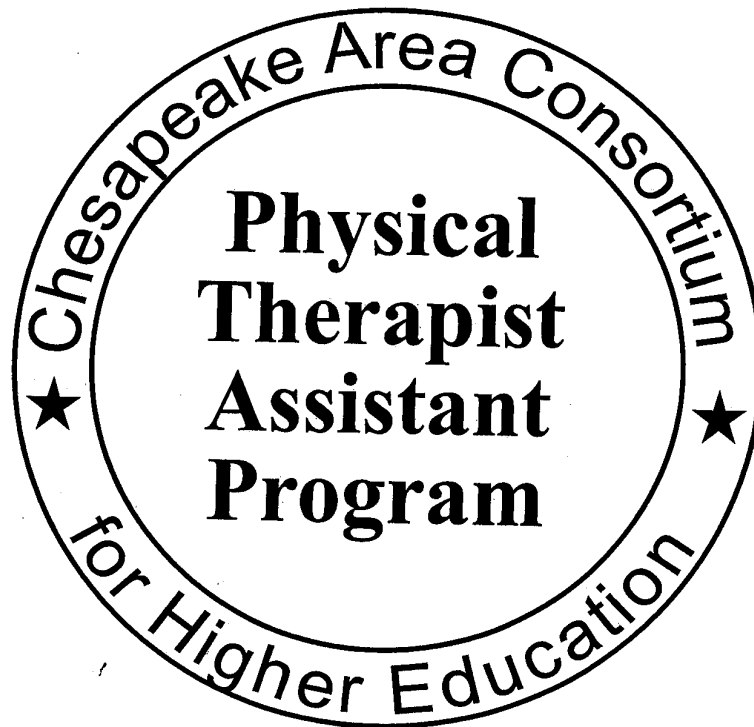




COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND
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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in the program should contact:
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Nursing and Allied Health Advisor
301-934-2251 or 301-870-3008 ext. 7408
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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

AWARD: Associate of Applied Science Degree

PURPOSE: The physical therapist assistant program prepares students to provide physical therapy services according to the plan of care developed by the physical therapist. The physical therapist assistant administers direct patient care; teaches patients, families, and other health care providers how to perform selected procedures; and provides desired psychosocial support to patients and their families. Physical therapist assistants are employed primarily in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, private practice, extended care facilities and home health care settings. Physical therapist assistants work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

OCCUPATIONAL GOAL: Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The PTA program is sponsored by the Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher Education (CACHE) program which is comprised of the College of Southern Maryland and Chesapeake and Anne Arundel Community College. Students complete their general education requirements at the College of Southern Maryland (CSM), their laboratory and professional training at Anne Arundel Community College and CSM, and their clinical internship in their local service area when possible. Distance learning technology is used as appropriate. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national licensing examination.

This is a 5 semester, two year program with courses that build on the knowledge from previous courses. Students have to be selected for admission into the program. After the first semester the program is a full time experience with a minimum of 12 credits per semester. Students should anticipate study and attendance needs and adjust work schedules accordingly.

Students must meet specific academic standards prior to admission to the program. A grade of “C” or better in physical therapist assistant courses and general education course work is required to progress in the program.

CPR: Students must complete the American Heart Association Basic Life Support course for Health care providers (Modules 1-4). The certification must be valid through graduation.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Students enter the program in the fall semester and admission is required prior to registering for any PTA course. Applications must be submitted by **March 15** of each year. Students must meet the following requirements prior to admission to the program.

1. High School graduation or equivalency
2. College grade point average of 2.0 or better.
3. High school general chemistry (1 credit) or CHE 1000 or higher completed with a grade of “C” or better.
4. College placement test scores at ENG 1010 and MTH 1120 levels, or completion of the appropriate development and prerequisite courses to achieve these levels.

In addition, prior to entering the program, students must submit:

5. The **Health Examination Record** which is supplied by the program, and completed by a physician validating that the student is in good health and is able to perform the Technical Standards Requirements (to be completed only after admission to the PTA program).
6. Documentation of current immunizations and health insurance (to be completed only after admission to the program)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

General Education courses completed at **College of Southern Maryland.**

BIO 2070/L*	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology I (lecture and lab)	4
BIO 2080/L*	Integrated Human Anatomy and Physiology II (lecture and lab)	4
ENG 1010*	Composition and Rhetoric	3
HTH 1100	Medical Terminology	1
MTH 1120*	College Algebra	3
PSY 1010	General Psychology	3
PSY 2050*	Human Development through the Life Span	3
Elective	Arts and Humanities	3

Jointly completed at **Anne Arundel Community College and/or College of Southern Maryland:**

PTA 1010*	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assisting	3
PTA 1020*	Physical Therapist Assistant I	6
PTA 1060*	Kinesiology	6
PTA 1040*	Physical Therapist Assistant II	6
PTA 1050*	Clinical Practice I	1
PTA 2010*	Physical Therapist Assistant III	4
PTA 2020*	Physical Therapist Assistant IV	4
PTA 2030*	Clinical Practice II	4
PTA 2040*	Physical Therapist Assistant V	3
PTA 2050*	Current Issues and Trends	1
PTA 2060*	Clinical Practice III	4
PTA 2070*	Clinical Practice IV	4
	TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS	70

*** Prerequisite required**

Note: Bio 2070, MTH 1120, ENG 1010 and PSY 1010 must be completed before entering PTA 1020. HTH 1100 and PSY 2050 must be completed before entering PTA 2010.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT COURSE SEQUENCE/CONTACT HOURS

First Year	First Year	CREDIT HOURS		CONTACT HOURS		
		Semester I	II	Lecture	College Lab	Weekly
Fall Semester BIO 2070/L	**Integrated Anatomy and Physiology I	4		30	60	3 lec / 3 lab
MTH 1100	# College Algebra	3		45		3 lec
PTA 1010	Intro. To Physical therapist Assisting	3		30	30	2 lec online 6 hours x 5 sessions lab
ENG 1010	# Composition and Rhetoric	3		45		3 lec
PSY 1010	# General Psychology	3		45		3 lec
Spring Semester BIO 2080/L	Integrated Anatomy and Physiology 2		4	30	60	3 lec / 3 lab
PTA 1020	Physical Therapist Assistant 1		6	45	90	3 lec / 6 lab
PTA 1060	Kinesiology		6	70	45	~ 4.5 lec / 3 lab
Summer Semester PTA 1040	Physical Therapist Assistant 2	6		45	90	5 lec / 10 lab
PTA 1050	Clinical Practice 1	1			75 clinic	~8/wk clinical
PSY 2050	* Human Development through Life Span	3		45		3 lec
HTH 1100	* Introduction to Medical Terminology	1		15		1 lec
SECOND YEAR						
Fall Semester PTA 2010	Physical Therapist Assistant 3	4		45	30	Front loaded weeks 1-6
PTA 2020	Physical Therapist Assistant 4	4		45	30	
PTA 2030	Clinical Practice 2	4			185 clinic	24/week clinical
-----	Arts and Humanities requirement	3		45		3 lec
Spring Semester PTA 2040	Physical Therapist Assistant 5		3	30	30	~ 4 lec / 4 lab
PTA 2050	Current Issues and Trends Affecting Physical Therapist Assisting		1	15		~2 lec
PTA 2060	Clinical Practice 3		4		144	24 / wk 6 wks
PTA 2070	Clinical Practice 4		4		226	40 / wk x 6 wks

Total Credit Hours 70

Corequisite for PTA 1010 (Fall semester of First Year)

**Prerequisite for PTA 1060

* Corequisite for PTA 1040/1050. Must be completed before entering PTA 2010

“Front loaded” courses have concentrated lecture and lab content in the beginning of the semester to allow preparation for the clinic setting.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES:

1. Request program information and selection criteria from the allied health advisor:
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Nursing and Allied Health Advisor
301-934-2251 or 301-870-3008 ext. 7408
janeb@csmd.edu
2. Apply for admission to College of Southern Maryland and take placement tests as needed.
3. Complete program prerequisites (courses from other institutions must be officially transferred to the College of Southern Maryland).
4. Complete PTA program application form. Applications must be submitted no later than **March 15** for admission to the clinical program the following fall. Submit the PTA application to:
Nursing and Health Technology Department
College of Southern Maryland
P.O. Box 910
LaPlata, MD 20646-0910

Technical Standard Requirements:

1. Students eligible for selection to the physical therapist assistant program will be required to complete the **Health Examination Record**. Once a physician certifies that the candidate meets the technical standard requirement (defined in # 2 below) as established by the program, and the program receives and concurs with the physician's certification, the candidate will be considered to have met the technical standard requirement.
2. **Qualification:** Good physical and mental health.

Admission Criterion: Student must be free of contagion and possess sufficient physical stamina with or without reasonable accommodations and mental stability to fulfill the requirements of the program and the customary requirements of the profession.

- Work for 10 –1 2 hours performing physical tasks requiring physical energy without jeopardy to patient and student safety, as for example, bending, lifting, turning and ambulating patients.
- Perform fine movements and to be able to manipulate instruments and equipment required for physical therapist assistants.
- Establish and work toward goals in a consistently responsible and realistic manner.
- Have auditory acuity sufficient to monitor and assess health needs.
- Have visual acuity sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient care.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

All candidates will be selected and admitted using the following criteria in rank order:

1. Basic admission requirements.
2. Grade point average for courses required in the program.
3. Total number of credits completed in the program.
4. Grade point average in science and math courses required in the program.

CLINICAL SITE PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Students complete the clinical courses at sites affiliated with the PTA Program. Sites are assigned by the Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education. Students should be prepared to provide their own transportation to travel to and from clinical sites since public transportation is not available for many areas.

Students may be required to provide proof of health care insurance coverage, complete a drug screen, or undergo a criminal background check at the request of the clinical site prior to placement. This will be at the student's expense.

LICENSURE

Students who have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor may not be eligible for the *National Licensing Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants*. These students are recommended to see the program director regarding their eligibility requirements before making application to the program.

Students who successfully complete the program must take *National Licensing Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants* in order to practice PTA in the state of Maryland and most states in the USA. State licensure eligibility is dependent on the results of the examination.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

The College of Southern Maryland is one of three Maryland Community Colleges which have formed a special consortium. The Chesapeake Area Consortium for Higher Education (CACHE) includes Anne Arundel Community College, Chesapeake College, and College of Southern Maryland. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program has received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association. (APTA).

CACHE Physical Therapist Assistant Program

reserves the right to revise the admission requirements, the selection criteria and procedures, and the curriculum as deemed necessary without prior notification.

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