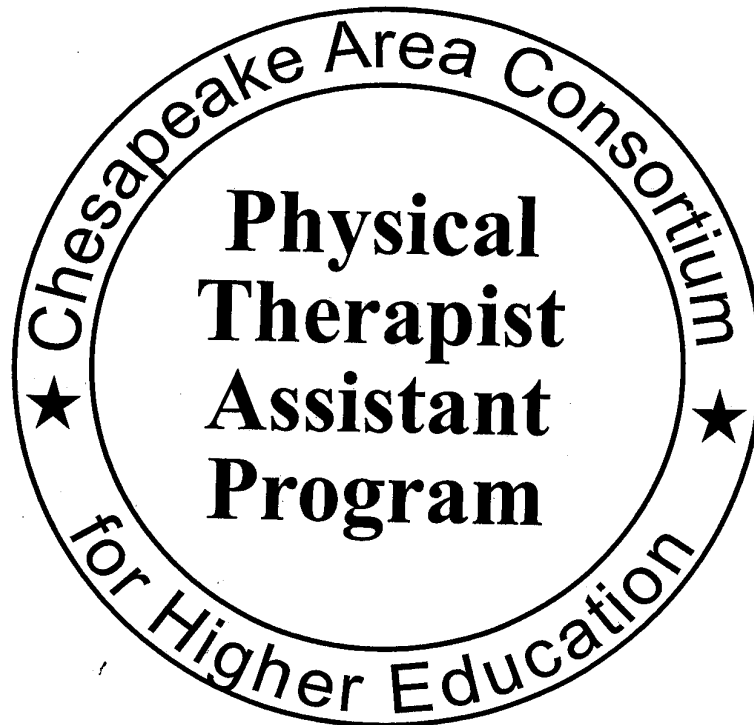




A Comprehensive Regional Community College

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students interested in the program should contact:

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Department Chair Allied Health

410-827-5927

lblythe@chesapeake.edu

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

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 Chesapeake College, their professional training at Anne Arundel Community College, and their clinical internships 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 to the program 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 001 or higher completed with a grade of “C” or better.
4. College placement test scores at ENG 101 and MTH 113 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 **Chesapeake College**.

BIO 211*	Anatomy and Physiology I (lecture and lab)	4
BIO 212*	Anatomy and Physiology II (lecture and lab)	4
ENG 101*	Composition	3
MED 106	Medical Terminology	1
MAT 113*	College Algebra	3
PSC 150	General Psychology	3
PSC 250*	Human Growth and Development	3
Elective	Arts and Humanities	3

Jointly completed at **Anne Arundel Community College and/or Chesapeake College**:

PTA 101*	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assisting	3
PTA 102*	Physical Therapist Assistant I	6
PTA 106*	Kinesiology	6
PTA 104*	Physical Therapist Assistant II	6
PTA 105*	Clinical Practice I	1
PTA 201*	Physical Therapist Assistant III	4
PTA 202*	Physical Therapist Assistant IV	4
PTA 203*	Clinical Practice II	4
PTA 204*	Physical Therapist Assistant V	3
PTA 205*	Current Issues and Trends	1
PTA 206*	Clinical Practice III	4
PTA 207*	Clinical Practice IV	4
	TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS	70

* Prerequisite required

Note: Bio 211, MTH 113, ENG 101 and PSC 150 must be completed before entering PTA 1020. MED 106 and PSY 205 must be completed before entering PTA 2010.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
CHESAPEAKE COLLEGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT COURSE SEQUENCE/CONTACT HOURS

		CREDIT HOURS		CONTACT HOURS		
		First Year	First Year	Lecture	College Lab	Weekly
		Semester I	Semester II			
Fall Semester						
BIO 211	** Anatomy and Physiology I	4		30	60	3 lec / 3 lab
MAT 113	# College Algebra	3		45		3 lec
PTA 101	Intro. To Physical therapist Assisting	3		30	30	2 lec online 6 hours x 5 sessions lab
ENG 101	# Composition	3		45		3 lec
PSC 150	# General Psychology	3		45		3 lec
Spring Semester						
BIO 212	Anatomy and Physiology 2		4	30	60	3 lec / 3 lab
PTA 102	Physical Therapist Assistant 1		6	45	90	3 lec / 6 lab
PTA 106	Kinesiology		6	70	45	~ 4.5 lec / 3 lab
Summer Semester						
PTA 104	Physical Therapist Assistant 2	6		45	90	5 lec / 10 lab
PTA 105	Clinical Practice 1	1			75 clinic	~8/wk clinical
PSC 205	* Human Growth and Development	3		45		3 lec
MED 106	Medical Terminology	1		15		1 lec
SECOND YEAR						
Fall Semester						
PTA 201	Physical Therapist Assistant 3	4		45	30	Front loaded weeks 1-6
PTA 202	Physical Therapist Assistant 4	4		45	30	
PTA 203	Clinical Practice 2	4			185	24/week clinical
-----	Arts and Humanities requirement	3		45		3 lec
Spring Semester						
PTA 204	Physical Therapist Assistant 5		3	30	30	~ 4 lec / 4 lab
PTA 205	Current Issues and Trends Affecting Physical Therapist Assisting		1	15		~2 lec
PTA 206	Clinical Practice 3		4		144	24 / wk 6 wks
PTA 207	Clinical Practice 4		4		226	40 / wk x 6 wks

Total Credit Hours 70

Corequisite for PTA 101 (Fall semester of First Year)

**Prerequisite for PTA 106

* Corequisite for PTA 104/105. 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:
Linda Blythe, R.T., A.R.R.T., A.A.
Department Chair Allied Health
410-827-5927
lblythe@chesapeake.edu
2. Apply for admission to Chesapeake College and take placement tests as needed.
3. Complete program prerequisites (courses from other institutions must be officially transferred to the Chesapeake College).
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:
Department Chair of Allied Health
Chesapeake College
P.O. Box 8
Wye Mills, MD 21679

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 the *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 will be dependent on the results of the examination.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

Chesapeake College 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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