The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a technically educated health care provider who works under the supervision of a physical therapist. The PTA performs duties and carries out treatment plans as directed by the physical therapist. Duties of the PTA are varied and include, but are not limited, to the application of physical modalities, exercise programs, gait training, functional activities, and patient education. Work in physical therapy includes physical activity such as bending, lifting patients, and prolonged standing and walking. Physical therapist assistants utilize various rehabilitative techniques to help patients whose abilities have been impaired by an accident, injury, illness, disease or other health-related conditions that limit movement and functional abilities. Clients include adult and pediatric patients with orthopedic and neurologic injuries and various medical conditions. Employment settings include acute care and rehabilitation hospitals, outpatient clinics, schools, nursing homes, home health and sports medicine clinics. The Physical Therapist Assistant is an important member of the dynamic rehabilitation team and will interact with other health care providers including occupational therapists and assistants, nurses, speech pathologists, and physicians.
Physical Therapist Assistant Program

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is a two-year course of study leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for Physical Therapist Assistants.

The Program requires one year of prerequisite general education coursework and one year of core PTA coursework. This is a pre-admit program and requires a specific application process for admission into the professional phase of the program. Once admitted, a student will have the option to follow an On-Campus program or a hybrid Online track program. The On-Campus classes are all enhanced and/or supported by the Blackboard course-management system. The Online-track program conducts lecture courses via Blackboard course management system but cannot be completed entirely online. The Online-track program requires students to be at the Shelby-Hoover Campus for all laboratory sessions. Online lecture courses may also require students to visit instructional sites for various requirements or to complete exams, quizzes, and or clinicals.

Class size for both program tracks is limited; qualified students are ranked for admission based on a point system. The deadline for applications is January 15th. Published guidelines and requirements are subject to change without notice. Updated information will be posted on the Jefferson state web site as available.

ACCREDITATION

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at Jefferson State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org

PREREQUISITES AND REQUIREMENTS

Students must possess and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above on all college credit from all institutions; complete all required PTA general education courses with a grade of “C” or better; and currently possess and maintain a GPA of 2.50 or above for required PTA general education courses.

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**5 year limit; an exception may be made if student can provide documentation of having passed BIO 230 Human Pathophysiology with at least a C within last 5 years.

Required: ACT exam with a composite score of 21 or higher; achieved within 3 years of the application deadline.

Required: Signed documentation by a PT or PTA of 75 hours or more experience in a physical therapy setting. It is required that at least 25 of the 75 hours consist of exposure to an acute care (hospital-based), inpatient rehabilitation, or skilled nursing facility. Must be submitted with the application.

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PROGRAM COSTS

Estimated costs for each track are the same. The estimated costs for the On-Campus and Online programs are listed below. Please note that Tuition and Fees are subject to change by the State Board of Education without notice. The list below does not include textbooks, uniforms, liability insurance, health insurance, medical screening fees, other fees associated with testing, transportation/lodging on clinical rotations, professional membership dues, small lab supplies or other incidentals.

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Professional Coursework: In-State Cost
29 credit hours x $261       $7,569.00

Professional Coursework: Out-State Cost
40 credit hours x $261       $10,440.00

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Graduate 2002, PTA Manager