

Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Overview:

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) work under direction and supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT). PTAs perform physical therapy treatment interventions delegated by the supervising Physical Therapist. The PTA Program is a combination of classroom, laboratory and clinical practice designed to prepare the student in the use of exercise, physical therapy modalities, clinical communication skills, and special treatment procedures. Program content is based on recommended guidelines as established by the American Physical Therapy Association and the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program prepares students to take the board examination for Physical Therapist Assistants administered by the state.

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

How Much Can I Earn?

\$26,840 - \$55,250

*wages and salary data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Tennessee Department of Labor

What Will I Do On The Job?

Physical therapist assistants help physical therapists to provide treatment that improves patient mobility, relieves pain, and prevents or lessens physical disabilities of patients.

What Skills Will I Use On The Job?

Physical therapist assistants need a moderate degree of strength because of the physical exertion required in assisting patients with their treatment. In some cases, you may need to lift patients. Frequent kneeling, stooping and standing for long periods also are part of the job. Physical therapist assistants should be well-organized, detail oriented, and caring. They usually have strong interpersonal skills and a desire to help people in need.

Possible Job Titles:

Physical Therapy Assistant

Who Will Hire Me?

Acute care Hospitals, rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, private practices, school systems, outpatient Clinics.

Chattanooga State graduates work for such organizations as: Erlanger Medical Center, Benchmark Physical Therapy, Siskin Rehabilitation Hospital, Cleveland Care and Rehabilitation, Inc., Healthsouth Hospital, St. Barnabas Nursing Home, Signature Health Care, Athens Regional Hospital, Memorial Hospital, Parkridge Hospital, Alliance Physical Therapy, NHC Rehabilitation Center for Sports Medicine, and many others.

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