



# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT CONCENTRATION

People who work in the physical therapy field enjoy a certain type of gratification, oftentimes helping patients recover from serious injuries. Whether it's back or neck issues, arthritis, or just simply pains and strains, the rewards of helping someone regain their mobility is great.

At ECPI University's College of Health Science, you could earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant in as little as 1.5 years through ECPI University's year-round program.

## Outcomes

### Student/Graduate Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA program will prepare graduates for entry-level practice as physical therapist assistants who will work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner.
- ▶ The PTA program will prepare graduates to demonstrate entry-level critical thinking skills to effectively address patient care situations and to adapt to the rapidly changing challenges in healthcare and physical therapist assistant responsibilities.

### Program Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA program will educate the students in cultural diversity, effective communication and professional behaviors.
- ▶ The PTA education program will facilitate participation in community service and lifelong learning activities.
- ▶ The PTA Program will provide a contemporary, comprehensive and evidence-based curriculum appropriate for an entry level physical therapist assistant.

### Program Faculty Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA faculty will engage in on-going professional development related to enhancing knowledge of contemporary physical therapy practice, pedagogy, and service.

## Possible Career Settings

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Extended Care Facilities
- ▶ Outpatient Clinics
- ▶ Fitness Centers
- ▶ Rehabilitation Facilities
- ▶ Occupational Environments
- ▶ Skilled Nursing Facilities
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Homes
- ▶ Sports Training Facilities

## CAPTE

Commission on Accreditation  
in Physical Therapy Education

\*Notice to Prospective Students of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Effective July 13, 2021, the Physical Therapist Assistant program at ECPI University's Lake Mary, Florida campus has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085 phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 407-562-9100 or email PTADirector@ecpi.edu.

Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.



# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

To receive the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant, the student must earn 73 semester credit hours. The program requires a minimum of 5 semesters, 18 months, or 75 weeks of instruction.

**Program requirements are as follows:**

<b>CORE CURRICULUM</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>	<b>ARTS AND SCIENCES*</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
<b>50 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>	
Professional Issues for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology	3
Musculoskeletal	3	Anatomy & Physiology I with Terminology LAB	1
Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology	3
Introduction to Physical Therapy	2	Anatomy & Physiology II with Terminology LAB	1
Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	3	College Composition	3
Rehabilitation I Assessment	2	Culture and Diversity: Exploring the Humanities	3
Rehabilitation II Therapeutic Modalities	3	College Algebra	3
Rehabilitation III Therapeutic Exercise	3	Introduction to Psychology	3
Medical & Surgical Conditions I	2		
Medical & Surgical Conditions II	2		
Neurological Rehabilitation	3		
Rehabilitation IV Devices	2		
Motor Development & Aging	2		
Clinical Education Experience I	4		
Clinical Education Experience II	4		
Clinical Education Experience III	4		
Clinical Education Experience IV	4		
Physical Therapist Assistant Preparatory	3		
		<b>SELF-INTEGRATION</b>	
		<b>3 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>	
		Office Applications	2
		Career Orientation	1
		<b>SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>73</b>

\*For allowable substitutions of arts and sciences courses, see the Arts and Sciences Department page.

Program includes a total of 1,725 contact hours.

\*These are the courses making up the degree plan at the time of student enrollment. The University, at its sole discretion, may modify the program track as deemed necessary.

**START DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORIENTATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition Includes**

- ▶ CPR Training and Certification
- ▶ Internships / Externships and Clinical Assignments
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Parking fees
- ▶ Graduate employment services
- ▶ Full- and part-time job assistance while attending school

**Application Fee** \$15 non-refundable, one-time charge

**Registration Fee** \$100

**Monthly Payment** Monthly payments are determined after all federal grants and loans, scholarships, and alternative loans are applied.

**What You Need**

- ▶ Complete FAFSA online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) (for help go to: [ecpi.edu/fa](https://ecpi.edu/fa))
- ▶ 3 references

**Program Cost**

- ▶ Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AAS) = 6 semesters x \$9,720 = \$58,320 (est.)
- ▶ Physical Therapist Assistant (AAS) = 5 semesters x \$7,920 = \$39,600 (est.)
- ▶ Healthcare Administration (Bachelor's) = 8 semesters x \$7,848 = \$62,784 (est.)
- ▶ ECPI semester = 15 weeks consisting of three 5-week terms
- ▶ Technology fee = \$480.00 per semester
- ▶ ECPI University reserves the right to make changes in tuition and fees without further notice.



**HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM DEGREE**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE**

- ▶ Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- ▶ Physical Therapist Assistant

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

- ▶ Healthcare Administration

\*Programs offered vary by campus location.

