

# Physical Therapist Assistant | Associate in Applied Science

## Field of Study Code: PHYTA.AAS

### Catalog Description:

The Physical Therapist Assistant degree prepares students to provide skilled direct patient care under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Students will acquire the skills necessary to help alleviate pain, improve strength and mobility, and facilitate patients' attainment of maximum function. Physical therapist assistants are employed in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, long-term care facilities, sports medicine clinics and home health care agencies. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible to take the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) licensure exam. Upon passing the PTA licensure exam, the graduate can practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). The **Physical Therapist Assistant degree** requires a minimum of 67.5 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

### Program Requirements .....58.5

Phyta 1100*	Introduction to Physical Therapy .....	2
Phyta 1109*	Basic Health Care Skills and Principles of Soft Tissue Techniques.....	3
Phyta 1114*	PTA Total Patient Care .....	1
Phyta 1205*	PTA Kinesiology .....	5
Phyta 1207*	PTA Pathophysiology.....	2
Phyta 1211*	PTA Therapeutic Assessment and Basic Intervention .....	4
Phyta 1301*	PTA Therapeutic Modalities .....	4
Phyta 2103*	PTA Neuromuscular and Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation .....	4
Phyta 2104	PTA Special Patient Populations.....	3
Phyta 2110*	PTA Documentation .....	1.5
Phyta 2112*	PTA Advanced Orthopedic Rehabilitation.....	4
Phyta 2122*	PTA Clinical Practicum I.....	1.5
Phyta 2214*	PTA Professional Issues .....	1
Phyta 2223*	PTA Clinical Practicum II .....	2.5
Phyta 2224*	PTA Clinical Practicum III.....	3
Anat 1551*	Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4
<b>AND</b>		
Anat 1552*	Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
<b>OR</b>		
Anat 1571*	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver I.....	4
<b>AND</b>		
Anat 1572*	Anatomy and Physiology with Cadaver II.....	4
Engli 1101*	English Composition I .....	3
Hlths 1110*	Biomedical Terminology.....	3
Speec 1100*	Fundamentals of Speech Communication .....	3
<b>OR</b>		
Speec 1120*	Small-Group Communication .....	3
<b>OR</b>		
Speec 1150*	Introduction to Business Communication.....	3

### Suggested Course Sequence (Full-Time Enrollment)

**Please note: A student's readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student's placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.**

**\* Please refer to the Program Admission packet for the most updated information at: [http://cod.edu/admission/degree\\_certificate\\_programs/pdf\\_health/pta.pdf](http://cod.edu/admission/degree_certificate_programs/pdf_health/pta.pdf)**

### General Education Courses Required to Graduate

(Select courses to satisfy AAS general education requirements)

- Mathematics (3 to 5)
- Humanities & Fine Arts (3)
- Social & Behavioral Science (3)
- Engli 1101 (3)
- Speec 1100, 120 or 1150 (3)
- Anat 1551 and 1552 (8) or Anat 1571 and 1572 (8)
- Hlths 1110 (3)

### Professional Course Sequence

(Once admitted to the Program)

#### Fall Year One (11 credits)

- Phyta 1100 (2)
- Phyta 1109 (3)
- Phyta 1114 (1)
- Phyta 1205 (5)

#### Spring Year One (10 credits)

- Phyta 1207 (2)
- Phyta 1211 (4)
- Phyta 1301 (4)

#### Summer Year One (3 credits)

- Phyta 2104 (3)

#### Fall Year Two (11 credits)

- Phyta 2103 (4)
- Phyta 2112 (4)
- Phyta 2110 (1.5)
- Phyta 2122 (1.5)

\* - course has a prerequisite

**General Education .....9 to 11**

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

For the **Physical Therapist Assistant degree**, some General Education courses are already listed under program requirements. Therefore, students only need 9 to 11 credits besides those listed under program requirements.

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

**Communication: 6 credits**

**Written:** (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105 (*English 1101 in program requirements fulfills this requirement*)

**Oral:** (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150 (*Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150 in program requirements fulfill this requirement*)

**Physical and Life Sciences: 3 to 5 credits**

At least one course with a laboratory component  
(*Anatomy and Physiology 1551/1552 or 1571/1572 in program requirements fulfill this requirement*)

**Mathematics: 3 to 5 credits**

Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).  
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 credits**

**Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 credits**

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category. (*Health Sciences 1110 in program requirements fulfills this requirement.*)

<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR AAS DEGREE</b> <b>67.5 to 69.5</b>
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**Spring Year Two (6.5 credits)**

- Phyta 2214 (1)
- Phyta 2223 (2.5)
- Phyta 2224 (3)

**For more information:**

If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the **Health & Biological Sciences Division** office at 630-942-8331.

**Program web site:**

[http://www.cod.edu/programs/physical\\_therapist](http://www.cod.edu/programs/physical_therapist)

## Career Information PHYTA.AAS

**Job Title(s):** Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA), Physical Therapy Technician, Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (LPTA), Licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (LPTA)

For salary and wage information, please visit: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

Phone: 630-942-2230

[www.cod.edu/careerservices](http://www.cod.edu/careerservices)

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