



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Physical therapist assistants help patients of all ages with health conditions or physical limitations that impair their ability to perform daily tasks. Under the direction of physical therapists, PTAs assist patients in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing centers, and home health to help them lead more active lives. PTAs can also be found in schools, corporate or industrial environments, athletic facilities, and fitness or sports training centers, helping individuals prevent or improve loss of mobility.

OCtech's Physical Therapist Assistant program helps you develop the intellectual and practical abilities necessary to be a successful PTA. You'll explore direct interventions in aerobic endurance, balance and coordination, body mechanics, ergonomics, breathing, gait and locomotion, motor function, strength, and more. Our on-campus lab and off-site clinical experiences offer you essential hands-on learning opportunities that build upon classroom concepts. Upon graduation from the Associate Degree in Applied Science, you'll be ready for the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination and prepared to provide excellent care in our community and beyond.

 PTA PROGRAM COORDINATOR
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OUR GRADUATES HAVE A 100% JOB PLACEMENT RATE. MOST HAVE JOBS AND BEGIN WORK AS SOON AS THEY PASS THEIR LICENSURE EXAM.

PTA

6 Semesters/78 Hour

The program is divided into two phases

PHASE 1 GENERAL EDUCATION

The foundational courses below prepare students for the technical portion of the program.

- BIO210 Anatomy & Physiology I
- ENG101 English Composition
- PSY201 General Psychology
- MAT102 Intermediate Algebra
- AHS104 Medical Vocabulary/Anatomy
- BIO211 Anatomy & Physiology II
- PSY203 Human Growth & Develop
- CPT101 General Computers or CPT170 Microcomputer Applications
- SPC205 Public Speaking
- Humanities Elective

PHASE 2 TECHNICAL

This phase includes the core PTA courses and clinical experiences. Students must be formally admitted to the PTA program, and enrollment is contingent upon completing all Phase 1 courses with a grade of C or higher.

- PTH205 Physical Therapy Functional Anatomy
- PTH101 Physical Therapy Prof Preparation
- PTH102 Intro to Physical Therapy
- PTH206 Therapeutic Procedures
- PTH202 Physical Therapy Modalities
- PTH226 Therapeutic Exercises
- PTH235 Interpersonal Dynamics
- PTH-115 Pathology for PTA
- PTH270 Special Topics in Physical Therapy
- PTH242 Orthopedic Management
- PTH244 Rehabilitation
- PTH266 Physical Therapy Practicum I
- PTH275 Advanced Professional Preparation
- PTH276 Physical Therapy Practicum II

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ADMISSIONS PROCESS

TAKE the first step toward a rewarding career as a Physical Therapist Assistant. **APPLY** early and meet with a healthcare prep advisor for one-on-one guidance to stay on track for admission during one of the program's three acceptance cycles.

PHASE
1

COMPLETE these required classes

BIO210*, BIO211*, ENG101*, MAT102* or higher, PSY201*, PSY203, AHS104, CPT170 or 101, Humanities Elective, SPC205 with a "C" or higher

*These classes are required to be seated in Phase 2.



OBSERVE a physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant in their workplace and record the hours. **Scan this code for the PTA Observation Hours Form.** →

PHASE
2

START classes in the fall (22 seats available)

REQUIREMENTS TO BE ADMITTED

- 2.75 calculated GPA in BIO 210, BIO 211, MAT 102, ENG 101, PSY 201
- 2.5 cumulative GPA from the last college where 12 or more credit hours were completed (excluding developmental or remedial courses)
- Completed PTA Observation Form with a minimum of 40 hours of inpatient and outpatient observation

PHASE 2 SEATING

PRIORITY SEATING
30-35 POINTS

MARCH 31

CALCULATED GPA
10 POINTS = 3.75 – 4.0
8 POINTS = 3.5 – 3.74
6 POINTS = 3.0 – 3.49
4 POINTS = 2.75 – 2.99

CUMULATIVE GPA
9 POINTS = 3.75 – 4.0
7 POINTS = 3.5 – 3.74
6 POINTS = 3.0 – 3.49
3 POINTS = 2.75 – 2.99

STANDARD SEATING
25-35 POINTS

MAY 31

POINTS

POINTS

FINAL SEATING

Seat selection will be based on the highest scores to fill any remaining seats. Students not seated should meet with an advisor to determine their next steps.

JULY 31

TOTAL POINTS

MAX 35 POINTS

BIO 210 GRADE
5 POINTS = A
3 POINTS = B
2 POINTS = C

BIO 211 GRADE
5 POINTS = A
3 POINTS = B
2 POINTS = C

OBSERVATION HOURS
3 POINTS = 50 or more
2 POINTS = 41 – 49 hours
1 POINTS = 40 hours

POINTS

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES
3 POINTS = All 10 Completed

- For each seating date, students will be notified within five business days.
- If all 22 seats are filled, students with a score of 25 or more points will be offered the next available seat.
- Point System Tie Breaker: Calculated GPA followed by cumulative GPA will determine seating.
- If a student does not meet the required points for each seating, they will automatically be moved to the next seating for consideration.



The Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA) at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (OCtech) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the PTA Program at OCtech directly, please call Program Coordinator, Lynn Fralix, at 803-535-1305 or email fralixlw@octech.edu.

