

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, A.A.S.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program 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). This degree requires a minimum of 67.5 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

For more information about Physical Therapist Assistant, please visit the program page (<http://www.cod.edu/pta/>).

This degree requires program application and admission; please visit the above link for details.

## Degree Requirements

Field of Study Code: PHYTA.AAS

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
PHYTA 1100	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
PHYTA 1109	Basic Health Care Skills and Principles of Soft Tissues Techniques	3
PHYTA 1114	PTA Total Patient Care	1
PHYTA 1205	PTA Kinesiology	5
PHYTA 1207	PTA Pathophysiology	2
PHYTA 1211	PTA Therapeutic Assessment & 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 & ANAT 1552 or ANAT 1571 & ANAT 1572	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver I and Anatomy and Physiology With Cadaver II	8
ENGLI 1101	English Composition I	3
HLTHS 1110	Biomedical Terminology	3
Select one of the following:		3
SPEEC 1100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	
SPEEC 1120	Small-Group Communication	

SPEEC 1150 Introduction to Business Communication

General Education	
Select 9 to 11 credits <sup>1</sup>	
Mathematics (1100 or above)	3-5
Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Humanities & Fine Arts	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>67.5-69.5</b>

<sup>1</sup> In addition to the courses listed above.

## General Education Requirements

For general education requirements for the A.A.S. degree, please visit the A.A.S. degree catalog page (<https://catalog.cod.edu/associate-degree-programs/associate-applied-science-degree/>).