



Health
Sciences

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The PTA curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. Assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department. Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout their lifespan. After graduation from an accredited physical therapy education program, candidates must pass a state-administered licensure exam.



CCCC Career Community

Students interested in Health Sciences like to help people feel better. They can work independently, but prefer to work in groups or teams. They are detail-oriented, compassionate, and think critically to solve problems. They work well in stressful situations and do not get queasy around blood or bodily fluids. Graduates find jobs working medical or wellness environments.



Possible Employment In Industry

Physical Therapist Assistant
Rehabilitation Manager
Director of Rehabilitation Department



Top Employers In Region

Legacy Health Care
Confluent Health
Broad River Rehabilitation
Pruit Health
Health Pro Heritage LLC



Occupational Statistics

US: \$64,510
Region: \$64,210
NC: \$63,810



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Degrees

Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (A45620; Chatham Health Sciences Center, Day) 5 Semesters (Summer Included)



Diplomas

None



Certificates

Short-term: See CCCC website for numerous Health and Medical training opportunities <https://www.cccc.edu/ecd/short-term-training/health-occupations/>



Transfer Options

Yes, limited. Contact the Department Chair to discuss transfer options



Additional Program Costs

National Physical Therapy exam fee, uniforms, professional membership (optional), and clinical rotation expenses



State Licensure/Exams/ Industry Certifications

After graduation from an accredited physical therapy education program, candidates must pass a state-administered national exam to obtain licensure.



Additional Admissions Process

Minimum Admissions Criteria required for admissions to be able to submit an application for consideration.



Skills In Demand For Program And Industry

Physical strength and stamina
Ability to read and execute detailed instructions
Good interpersonal skills



Work-Based Learning Information



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