

Physical Therapist Assistant

Degree Program

PTA3

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Curriculum

General Education Core – Total of 27 Hours

Area I – Language Arts/Communications – Choose 3 Hours

ENGL 1101 *Composition & Rhetoric* (3)

Area II – Social/Behavioral Sciences – Choose 6 Hours

PSYC 1101 *Introductory Psychology* (3)

PSYC 2103 *Human Development* (3)

Area III – Mathematics – Choose 3 Hours

MATH 1111 *College Algebra* (3)

Area III – Natural Sciences – Choose 12 Hours

BIOL 2113(L) *Human A&P I + Lab* (4)

BIOL 2114(L) *Human A&P II + Lab* (4)

PHYS 1110(L) *Conceptual Physics + Lab* (4)

Area IV – Humanities/Fine Arts – Choose 3 Hours

ARTS 1101 *Art Appreciation* (3)

ENGL 2110 *World Literature* (3)

ENGL 2130 *American Literature* (3)

HUMN 1101 *Introduction to Humanities* (3)

MUSC 1101 *Music Appreciation* (3)

Program-Specific Core – Total of 49 Hours

PHTA 1110 *Intro to Physical Therapy* (2)

PHTA 1120 *Patient Care Skills* (3)

PHTA 1130 *Functional Anatomy/Kinesiology* (3)

PHTA 1140 *Physical Therapy Procedures* (4)

PHTA 2110 *Pathology* (4)

PHTA 2120 *Rehabilitation* (3)

PHTA 2130 *Physical Therapy Procedures II* (4)

PHTA 2140 *Clinical Education* (4)

PHTA 2150 *Pathology II* (4)

PHTA 2160 *Rehabilitation II* (3)

PHTA 2170 *Kinesiology II* (3)

PHTA 2180 *Clinical Education II* (4)

PHTA 2190 *Clinical Education III* (7)

PHTA 2200 *Phys Therapist Asst Seminar* (1)

Total: 76 Hours

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Program Description

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) are licensed health care providers who work with patients and administer physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of licensed physical therapists. The duties of PTAs include assisting physical therapists in implementing the plan of care and performing interventions using heat, cold, electrical stimulation, ultrasound, water, massage, therapeutic exercise, gait training, balance and coordination, and functional activities. Physical therapist assistants maintain constant communication with physical therapists regarding patient progress and response to treatment and record this information in the patient medical records. PTAs help patients learn or improve their ability to perform functional activities. They may also instruct patients on how to use prosthetics, braces, crutches, walkers, or wheelchairs. Currently, Georgia and 47 other states require PTAs to gain licensure prior to obtaining employment. Upon completion of degree requirements, program graduates receive a Physical Therapist Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree and are eligible to sit for the licensure exam to become a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant.

Program Specific Information

Students are accepted Fall semester.

Additional Admissions Requirements

See Program Webpage for specific program entrance requirements. Students begin in the Healthcare Science technical certificate of credit until program pre-requisites are met.

Accreditation Information

Effective April 30th 2014, Lanier Technical College's Physical Therapist Assistant Program has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates that the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses and that the program is progressing toward accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation.

Program Length & Availability

5 Semesters

Campus Availability: Forsyth

Admissions Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age.
- High school diploma or GED is required prior to admission.
(Official transcripts or GED scores must be submitted from all colleges and/or high schools attended for credit.)
- ACCUPLACER Testing, or submit SAT, ACT, CPE, COMPASS, or ASSET test scores.

Financial Aid

This program is eligible for the Pell Grant and may be eligible for Institutional and State Financial Aid. Contact a Financial Aid Counselor for eligibility requirements and application materials.

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