

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)**

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive the AAS degree in Physical Therapist Assistant. This entitles the graduate to take the national licensure examination. Successful passing of this examination and completion of the state licensure requirements will allow the graduate to function as a licensed physical therapist assistant (PTA). The program integrates classroom and laboratory experiences into a structurally sound curriculum that develops the competencies required to function as a safe, ethical and competent PTA. Students are required to complete three full time clinical education affiliation experiences in hospitals and clinics affiliated with the program. Requirements for participation in these clinical education experiences include having: 1) current CPR and First Aid cards; 2) a current personal health insurance policy; 3) a yearly negative TB test; 4) the appropriate immunizations; 5) a satisfactory physical examination; and 6) an appropriate drug and alcohol screen. The program is a limited entry program and students considering applying to the program **MUST** attend a health programs orientation and meet with a health programs advisor for additional counseling. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education which is located at 1111 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (800) 999-2782.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES – Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:**

- Demonstrate competencies necessary to successfully complete the national licensure examination.
- Demonstrate the skills and abilities necessary for employment as a PTA.
- Demonstrate competencies necessary in clinical settings.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (25 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>COMMUNICATIONS:</b> COM 101	3	_____
<b>ENGLISH:</b> ENG 100, 101, 107, 113	3-5	_____
<b>HUMAN RELATIONS:</b> PT 122	3	_____
<b>MATHEMATICS:</b> MATH 116, 120, 124 or above	3	_____
<b>SCIENCE:</b> HHP 123B, 124B and PT 105 or BIOL 223, 224 and PT 105	6	_____
<b>FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES/ SOCIAL SCIENCES:</b> PSY 101, 102, 233, 241, 261, PHIL 102, 244	3	_____
<b>U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS:</b> PSC 101 or HIST 101 and HIST 102 or HIST 101 and HIST 217	4-6	_____

**SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (47 Credits):**

	CR	SEMESTER
<b>PT 100</b> Introduction to Physical Therapy	3	_____
<b>PT 110</b> Principles of Kinesiology	2	_____
<b>PT 111</b> Problems in Kinesiology	2	_____
<b>PT 117</b> Fundamental Principles for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	_____
<b>PT 118</b> Fundamental Procedures for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	_____
<b>PT 120</b> Observation and Measurement Principles for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2	_____
<b>PT 121</b> Observation and Measurement Procedures	2	_____
<b>PT 125</b> Principles of Physical Agents	2	_____
<b>PT 126</b> Physical Agent Procedures and Practices	2	_____
<b>PT 130</b> Administration in Physical Therapy	2	_____
<b>PT 134</b> Clinical Affiliation I	2	_____
<b>PT 225</b> Therapeutic Principles for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	3	_____
<b>PT 226</b> Therapeutic Procedures for Musculoskeletal Pathologies	2	_____
<b>PT 238</b> Pathophysiology I	3	_____
<b>PT 240</b> Orthotic and Prosthetic Considerations in Patient Care	1	_____
<b>PT 244</b> Clinical Affiliation II	2	_____
<b>PT 248</b> Pathophysiology II	3	_____
<b>PT 250</b> Therapeutic Principles for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	2	_____
<b>PT 251</b> Therapeutic Procedures for Cardiopulmonary Pathologies	1	_____
<b>PT 254</b> Therapeutic Principles for Neuromuscular Pathologies	3	_____
<b>PT 255</b> Therapeutic Procedures for Neuromuscular Pathologies	2	_____
<b>PT 256</b> Clinical Affiliation III	2	_____

This is a limited-entry program. Some of these courses are program prerequisites and **MUST** be completed before a student is considered eligible for entry into the Program. Students **MUST** attend a Health Programs orientation and meet with a Health Programs advisor for additional advisement.

**72**  
Total Credits

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Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.