

Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate in Applied Science Degree

110-112 Credits

This degree program awards an Associate in Applied Science degree and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy education. Once students begin PTA classes, they typically complete the program in two years with 110-112 credits, depending on previous college work. PTA program courses must be taken in sequence and are only offered to students who are accepted into the PTA Program. The program admits a class of 32 each fall quarter. Admission is by application and applicants are evaluated based on academic preparation and familiarity with physical therapy.

PTA program students must earn a minimum of 2.0 in all required courses. After graduating from the program students are eligible to apply for licensure and sit for the PTA licensing examination, which is given nationally. Most states require licensure of PTAs, and may have requirements in addition to the licensure examination. Washington State requires PTA licensure.

The PTA, under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, treats individuals with physical limitations to relieve pain and restore function. Physical therapist assistants work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, school systems, private physical therapy practices, home health care agencies, and sports medicine facilities. Prospective students must complete the admissions prerequisites and apply for the Physical Therapist Assistant program. Please contact the Pre-PTA Program Advisor in the Career and Advising Center at ext. 2641 or the PTA program website at www.instruction.greenriver.edu/PTA for specific information. Requirements are subject to change.

Application Requirements:

The minimum requirements to submit an application for the PTA program include:

- 15-quarter credits in program prerequisite courses which MUST include Anatomy/Physiology (AP) 1 AP 103 or BIOL& 241 or course equivalent.
- A minimum grade of 2.0 in each prerequisite course.
- A college-level cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Documentation of at least 20 hours of volunteer experience or job shadow in PHYSICAL THERAPY or employment in physical therapy or a closely-related field (CNA, LMP, personal trainer, RN, etc).

Students may apply for the PTA program while they are completing prerequisite courses IF the above requirements have been completed. There is an application deadline which is published annually, please refer to the program website. Late applications are accepted and qualified applicants are admitted or placed on a waiting list based on space available.

The required prerequisites are as follows:

- Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 & 2
The prerequisite requires 10 quarter-credits (or equivalent) of human anatomy and physiology with a lab. The minimum courses meeting this requirement at GRCC are AP 103 and 104. Biol& 241 (AP I)

and Biol& 242 (AP II) also meet this prerequisite. These courses should be completed within 5 years prior to applying to the program and completed at the same institution.

- Speech/Communication

The courses meeting this requirement at GRCC include: Cmst 100, Cmst& 210, Cmst& 220, Cmst& 230 or Cmst 238. Equivalent communication/speech courses with less than 5 quarter credits should be verified with the pre-PTA program advisor. Please be advised that Cmst 100 may not transfer to a university.

- English Composition

This requirement may be completed by taking either English Composition I (Engl& 101 or equivalent transferable course) or Writing for Trades/Professional Technical Degrees (Engl 109). Students who complete an equivalent course of less than 5 quarter credits will not meet this requirement and subsequently be ineligible for graduation. English 126, 127, and 128 at GRCC (or their equivalent) will also meet this requirement. Please be advised that Engl 109 may not transfer to a university. (5 composition credits required)

- Math (choose 1 of 2 options)

Option 1: Any college-level Math course (most math courses numbered 100 or above), **or**

Option 2: Complete one of the following: Bus E 110, B A 145 or Acomp 100N and eligibility for Math 072 (Elementary Algebra) by COMPASS score or completion of Math 070 or higher with a grade of 2.5 or higher.

Students who satisfy the above requirements will be selected based on academic preparation, COMPASS scores, GPA, and familiarity or experience with physical therapy or closely-related field requirements. Please access the website <http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/PTA/> or consult the Pre-PTA Program Advisor for the most current information.

Candidates who have not completed all prerequisites at the time of application must submit their plan (see PTA Application) for the completion of the required courses prior to the beginning of the program. Applicants may be considered for provisional acceptance when AP 1 is completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher. Candidates who have provisional acceptance must complete AP 2 and any remaining prerequisites with a grade of 2.0 or higher or their standing will be lost. Candidates are considered as fully qualified for acceptance when all prerequisites are completed satisfactorily.

The PTA program complies with the "Child/Adult Abuse Information Act," RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.840. Authorization for background check is required of each applicant. Some convictions may disqualify students from clinical placements and therefore program completion and licensure. Some clinics require additional background checks and drug testing. Individuals whose background checks identify a record of convictions will be required to meet with a faculty member to discuss the findings prior to admission into the program.

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www.greenriver.edu/programs/a-z/info/pta/shtm.

Dept./No.	Course Title	Credits
FIRST YEAR		
Fall Quarter		
H Sci 102	Applied Anatomy	5
P T 101	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
# P T 102	Therapeutic Interaction in Health Care	2
P T 105	Patient Care Skills	3
Winter Quarter		
H Sci 150	Human Life Span, Growth and Development	5
P T 110	Principles of Physical Therapy Agents 1	5
P T 114	Tests and Measurements	2
P T 130	Survey of Pathophysiology 1	3
Spring Quarter		
H Sci 101	Neuroscience	3
P T 111	Principles of Physical Therapy Agents 2	6
P T 113	Posture and Movement	4
P T 131	Survey of Pathophysiology 2	2
P T 151	Clinical Preparation	1
SECOND YEAR		
Fall Quarter		
P T 112	Functional Training	2
P T 201	Issues in Health Care	3
P T 210	Therapeutic Exercise	5
P T 212	Acute Care	3
# P T 251	Clinical Supervision 1	1
P T 277	Clinical Affiliation 1	1
Winter Quarter		
P T 211	Advanced Rehabilitation Procedures	6
P T 213	Orthopedic Therapy	5
# P T 252	Clinical Supervision 2	1
P T 278	Clinical Affiliation 2	1
Spring Quarter		
# P T 253	Clinical Supervision 3	1
P T 279	Clinical Affiliation 3	7
P T 280	Clinical Affiliation 4	7

Required Supporting Course/Prerequisites:

# Acomp 100N or Acomp 100T B A 145 or Bus E 110 or Math	Computation for Practical Nursing or Computation for the Trades Math or Business Computations or Business Math Applications or Any college-level Math class numbered 100 or higher	3-5
* AP 103 and AP 104 Biol& 241 and Biol& 242	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and 2	10
# Cmst 100 or Cmst& 210 or Cmst& 220 or Cmst& 230 or Cmst 238	Fundamentals of Oral Communication or Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking or Small Group Communication or Intercultural Communication	5
# Engl& 101 or Engl 109 or Engl 126 or Engl 127 or Engl 128	English Composition 1 or Writing for Trades and Professional/Technical Degrees or Writing: Humanities or Writing: Social Sciences or Research Writing: Science/Engineering/Business	5

Satisfies related instruction requirements.

* *Central Washington University (CWU courses) ExSci 250 and ExSci 351 and Washington State University courses MvtSt 262 and MvtSt 380 will meet the AP 103 and AP 104 PTA degree requirement at Green River Community College.*