

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) provide services under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. PTAs help people of all ages who have medical problems, or other health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. PTAs provide services to patients in a variety of settings, including:

- Outpatient clinics or offices, hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities
- Skilled nursing or extended care facilities
- Education or research centers and schools
- Industrial, workplace, or other occupational environments
- Fitness centers and sports training facilities

Program Admission Criteria

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 to be considered for admission. Applicants are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- High school record
- ACT composite 20 or above or SAT 950 critical reading and mathematics scores (if within 2 years of high school graduation)
- College Record
- Math and Science courses (Minimum 2 years high school math and science required)
- Recommended high school or college level physics
- 20-hour observation experience with documentation (completed prior to interview)
- Fulfillment of program technical standards



**TWENTY-TWO MONTHS TO
A CAREER IN PHYSICAL
THERAPY WITH THE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST
ASSISTANT PROGRAM AT
NEBRASKA METHODIST
COLLEGE – THE JOSIE
HARPER CAMPUS**

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Program Application Process and Deadlines

To be considered for admission the following items must be submitted to the Admissions Office:

- NMC Undergraduate Application with \$25 application fee
- Written personal statement
- Official high school transcript
- If appropriate, official GED test scores
- ACT or SAT official scores (if applicable)
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Documentation of 20-hour observation experience

The PTA program begins August 22, 2011. Application deadlines are:

November 19th, 2010

February 11th, 2011

Only complete applications will be reviewed and interview invitations will be extended for qualified candidates following each respective deadline.

Program Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Nebraska Methodist College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-706-3245

Email: accreditation@apta.org

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Program Curriculum

First Year – Fall Semester

SC 116	Medical Terminology	1
SC 200	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
HU 150	The World of Ideas: Critical Reasoning and Rhetoric	3
PT 115	Basic Skills in Patient Care Lab	2
PT 100	Introduction to PT and Clinical	2
PT 105	Functional Anatomy (with lab)	3

First Year - Spring Semester

SC 206	Pathophysiology/ Pharmacology	4
HU ---	Humanities Elective	3
PT 120	Therapeutic Exercise (with lab)	3
CM 101	English Composition	3
PT 130	Therapeutic Modalities (with lab)	4
PT 180	PTA Clinical I	1

First Year – Summer Session

CM 230/245	Language and Culture in Health Care	3
SS 215	Life-Span Psychology	3
PT 200	PTA Clinical II	4

Second Year – Fall Semester

SS 235	The Sociology of Culture	3
PT 210	Orthopedic Issues (with lab)	4
PT 215	Pediatrics & Neurology Disorders (with lab)	4
PT 228	Special Topics (with lab)	3
PT 220	Therapeutic Exercise II (with lab)	3

Second Year – Spring Semester

PT 230	Medical Ethics, Law and Health Care Administration	3
PT 240	PTA Clinical III	5
PT 250	PTA Clinical IV	5
PT 280	PTA Seminar	1
CM 209	Portfolio Synthesis	0

Program Total Hours:

75