

CT State Community College @ Naugatuck Valley
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Spring 2024

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program leads to an Associate in Science degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to submit an application for state licensure as a physical therapist assistant. The PTA program begins each January for the spring semester. Additional information may be found on the PTA Program webpage at www.nv.edu/PTA. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Naugatuck Valley Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org. For program specific information, please contact the director Janet Gangaway, DPT at jgangaway@nv.edu.

The application period for Spring 2025 admission is April 1, 2024 through application deadline of August 1, 2024.

Required items for application:

- Complete all college admission requirements.
- Complete PTA Application. Must be submitted by the posted deadline, including supporting materials.
- Official, final transcripts from **all** previously attended colleges/universities, regardless of age of transcripts and applicability to the PTA program. Foreign transcripts must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by World Education Services (www.wes.org) or Globe Language Service (www.globelanguage.com).
- Official AP (Advanced Placement) and/or CLEP (College Level Examination Program) test results if using one of these exams to satisfy any admission requirement.
- Official Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) results, if **not** taken at a CT Community College.
- Observational log form with documented time in physical therapy settings. (*See last Admission Requirement below.*)
- Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), and Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity, if required.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply early. You may submit your PTA application before you have completed all of the admission requirements, provided all application materials are submitted by August 1, 2024.**

PTA Admission Requirements:

- MAT 1200**, Statistics I with grade of C or higher, completed within 5 years of the application deadline (Aug 2019 or later).
- BIO 1210**, General Biology I, with grade of C+ or higher, completed within 5 years of the application deadline (Aug 2019 or later).

- ENG 1010**, English Composition, or equivalent, with grade of C or higher.

- PSY 1011**, General Psychology general education elective, with a grade of C or higher

- 2.5 PTA GPA** – Based only on the completed college courses with grades that meet the PTA admission requirements. *The PTA GPA is a calculation specific to PTA applicants and may differ from the college GPA.*
 - ATI TEAS** (nursing or allied health version) with Adjusted Individual Total Score of 60% or higher completed within the last 3 years. (Aug 1, 2021 or later). Go to www.atitesting.com for testing schedules and registration information. Applicants may take this test multiple times. Official scores must be submitted by the application deadline.

- 20 hours** of documented volunteer/observational experience totaling a minimum of 10 hours in each of an out-patient and an in-patient physical therapy setting. Please use the observation log that can be found on the website at www.nv.edu/pta.
 - It is recommended that all applicants attend a PTA Program Information Session. Refer to website for additional information.
 - For more detailed information, please look at the 2024 CTCC PTA Program Information Packet.

Curriculum Sequence

General education courses must be satisfactorily completed before or during the semester in which they are scheduled in the curriculum. PTA courses must be completed in the sequence indicated below. Students may not “combine” semesters to complete the PTA degree in under two years, regardless of academic/professional background. PTA courses are only offered in the semesters indicated below. Students must complete all technical education (PTA) courses in three years or less at the same college campus. A grade of C or better must be earned in all courses unless noted otherwise.

Pre-requisites	Course Title	Credits
BIO 1210*^	General Biology I	4
ENG 1010	Composition	3
MAT 1200*	Statistics I	3
PSY 1011	General Psychology	3
CCS 1001	College and Career Success	3
Total:		16
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Semester 1	<i>Spring</i>	
PTA 1200	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PTA 1250	Foundational Skills in Physical Therapy	4
PTA 1300	Clinical Anatomy & Kinesiology	3
BIO 2111^	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Total:		14
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Semester 2	<i>Fall</i>	
PTA 1450	Physical Agents in Physical Therapy	3
PTA 1500	Physical Therapy Interventions in Orthopedics	4
PTA 1550	Pathology for the PTA I	3
BIO 2112^	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Total:		14
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Semester 3	<i>Spring</i>	
PTA 2500	Physical Therapy Interventions in Special Populations	3
PTA 2550	Pathology for the PTA II	3
PTA 2580	PTA in the Healthcare Arena	1
PTA 2694	PTA Part Time Clinical Experience I	1
ARTX	Arts & Humanities (must meet diversity requirement)	3
WRIX	Written Communication II elective	3
Total:		14
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Semester 4	<i>Fall</i>	
PTA 2794	PTA Full Time Clinical Experience I	3
PTA 2894	PTA Full Time Clinical Experience II	3
PTA 2990	Physical Therapy Seminar	3
Total:		9
Degree total:		67

*Course must be taken within 5 years of program entry.

^Course must be completed with a C+ or higher.

Background Check/Drug Screening Requirement: All students will be required to undergo a background check, including fingerprinting, for felony convictions and a drug screening prior to clinical experiences. A positive drug screen will prevent a student from continuing in the program. Those with a positive background check may be excluded from clinical sites and may not be able to meet the competencies required for the program.

Clinical Education Experiences: Clinical learning is held at a variety of healthcare sites throughout Connecticut (CT) and these clinical sites are assigned at the discretion of the PTA faculty. Students may be required to travel over seventy- five (75) minutes to their experiences. Students are required to provide their own transportation, living expenses (as necessary), and any other expenses while on clinical education experiences.

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