

Naugatuck Valley Community College



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM



OPPORTUNITIES



ENDLESS!!!!!!!





Exciting

Rewarding

Working with people

Teamwork

Responsibility

Endless opportunities

HELPING OTHERS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r35FQT3u0J4>



PTA



- A PTA is a technical health care provider who works under the direction and supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT).
- The education of a PTA requires that the candidate earn an Associate Degree meeting criteria set by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

CAPTE



The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Naugatuck Valley Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Mission



The physical therapist assistant program is committed to a high standard of scholarship, cultivating entry-level physical therapist assistant students with the knowledge, clinical skills, and professional behaviors essential to the PTA.

Mission



Emphasis on technology and communication to facilitate learning in the classroom and the clinic as the program endeavors to educate students who:

- strive for excellence as physical therapist assistants
- commit to high ethical standards
- appreciate and value racial, social and cultural diversity
- demonstrate critical reflection and self-assessment
- invest in community improvement
- engage in lifelong learning.

Degree of Associate of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant



- **Five semester program**
- **Two year curriculum in PTA Program**
 - Art and science courses integrated with specialized physical therapy studies
 - Academic and clinical coursework
 - Critical thinking and decision-making
 - Professional behaviors, including ability to initiate
 - Effective communication skills
 - Documentation

Application Semester (Admission Requirements)



BIO* H211+	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credits
ENG* H101+	English Composition	3 credits
Elective+	Mathematics (higher than MAT* H136/H137)	3 credits
Elective+	Arts/Humanities (Aesthetic Dimensions/Written Communication)	<u>3 credits</u>
		13 credits

First Semester (Spring)



PTA* H120	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3 credits
PTA* H125	Physical Therapy for Function	4 credits
BIO* H212+	Anatomy & Physiology II	4 credits
ENG* H102+	English Composition & Literature	<u>3 credits</u>
		14 credits

Second Semester (Fall)



PTA* H230 Physical Agents in Physical Therapy 4 credits

PTA* H235 Kinesiology for Rehabilitation 4 credits

COM* H100+ Introduction to Communication 3 credits

PSY* H111+ General Psychology 3 credits

14 credits

Third Semester (Spring)



PTA* H250	Therapeutic Exercise	5 credits
PTA* H253	Pathophysiology for Rehabilitation	3 credits
PTA* H258	PTA in the Healthcare Arena	2 credits
Elective+	Social Science (Historical Knowledge & Understanding)	<u>3 credits</u>
		13 credits

Fourth Semester (Fall)



PTA* H260	Physical Therapy Seminar	2 credits
PTA* H262	PTA Internship II	5 credits
PTA* H265	PTA Internship III	<u>5 credits</u>
		12 credits
General Education Credits	29 credits	
PTA Credits	<u>37 credits</u>	
Total Program Credits	66 credits	

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



- **Mathematics Elective:**
 - Higher than H136/H137
 - Minimum C+
 - Within 5 years prior to entering program
 - No later than Fall 2015 semester

- **Anatomy & Physiology (A & P) I**
 - Bio H211 (4 credits)
 - Minimum C+
 - Within 5 years prior to entering program
 - No later than Fall 2015 semester

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



- English Composition, ENG H101
 - Minimum C
 - No later than Fall 2015 semester

- Aesthetic Dimensions/Written Communications
(Formerly Arts/Humanities elective)
 - Minimum C
 - No later than Fall 2015 semester

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



- **PTA GPA: 2.5 Minimum**
 - Calculation specific to PTA applicants
 - May differ from your college GPA
 - Calculated according to courses required for PTA degree and completed by 10-15-15
- **TEAS: (version 5.0):**
 - Adjusted Individual Score of 50% or higher required
 - Completed by 10-15-15
 - Scores valid for 3 years from the testing date
 - Students with higher scores on TEAS test are stronger candidates

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



TEAS Testing Information

- Testing schedules and registration info, visit:
www.atitesting.com
- A study manual for TEAS (version 5.0), visit:
www.atitesting.com

Any further questions, contact Charlotte Cyr:

ccyr@nv.edu or 203-575-8048

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



Applicants will be considered stronger candidates for admission if they have the following by 10-15-15:

- Earned a Bachelor's degree.

AND/OR

- Completed all general education courses in the PTA curriculum according to program requirements.

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



- All applicants **MUST** attend PTA Information Session and sign into session.
- Documented observation hours: **DUE by 10-15-15**
 - Minimum 10 hours in an out-patient physical therapy setting
 - Minimum 10 hours in an in-patient physical therapy setting
 - Totaling minimum 20 hours
 - **MUST BE HANDED IN BY 10-15-15 OR YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION**
 - ✦ For this admission cycle, can submit observation log to the PTA Program or with application to Admissions Department.

PTA Admission Requirements for Incoming January 2016



NOTE

- All **QUALIFIED** applicants, as deemed so by the Admissions department, will be required to attend a **MANDATORY** meeting during the Fall 2015 semester to maintain eligibility for admission.
- **QUALIFIED** applicants will be invited to attend this meeting.

Ranking Formula for Admission



PTA GPA	40%
A & P I or II (highest grade)	20%
Math (higher than H136/H137)	20%
TEAS (Version 5.0)	20%

+1 point: earned Bachelor's degree by 10-15-15

+1 point: completed all general education courses in PTA curriculum by 10-15-15

Applicants will be ranked accordingly, with the top 30 accepted into the program.

Admissions Decisions



- Competitive selective admissions program
- Up to 30 applicants admitted each year
- Any student denied admission this admission cycle, will need to REAPPLY in the following application cycle.

Applicants Completing Admission Requirements During Application Semester



- Any applicant completing Admission Requirements during the Fall 2015 application semester, **MUST** submit unofficial grades to the PTA Program by email, **as soon as the course is completed.**
- Ideally between 12/21/15 to 12/23/15
 - This likely will require that you request your final course grade from your course instructor in advance.

Applicants Completing Admission Requirements During Application Semester



- If you are in the top 30, you will be offered a conditional acceptance. Your official transcripts, fall course grades, are **due by 1/15/16 to the Admissions Department** to remain eligible for admission. Course grades will be confirmed from the Official Transcripts. Students completing courses at NVCC do NOT need to request official transcripts.

Observation of a PTA Laboratory Class



- Meet PTA faculty
- Interact with current PTA students
- Appreciate the type of information & skills you will be learning

Please contact Cheryl Marie at 203-596-2157 or cmarie@nv.edu, to schedule an observation.

Program Requirements Upon Admission



- Complete & submit all health requirements according to deadlines given.
- Obtain certification in Healthcare Provider CPR.
 - American Heart Association
 - American Red Cross

Program Requirements Upon Admission



- **Background Check/Drug Screening Requirement:** All accepted students will be required to undergo a background check for felony convictions.
- In addition, the healthcare site used for clinical learning may require a drug screening.
- 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 who do not pass the background check and/or the drug screening may be excluded from the clinical site and may not be able to meet the competencies required for the program.

Program Requirements



- A grade of "C" or higher must be attained in all physical therapy courses and all courses required for the degree.
- Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO 211/BIO 212) AND a math elective (higher than MAT136/137) require a minimum grade of a "C+" and must be completed within five (5) years prior to entering PTA Program.
- A grade of "P" (pass) must be attained in all clinical education components to meet the degree.

Clinical Education



- The NVCC PTA Program offers clinical education experiences throughout CT.
- 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.

Additional Requirements



- Tuition & Fees
- Books
- American Physical Therapy Association membership
- Attire for clinical education experiences
- Licensure review course
- Transportation
- Complete & verify all required immunizations
- CPR (Healthcare Provider)

Considerations for Success



- Sufficient reading time, study time and practice.
- Attendance to Open Labs
- Additional 2-3 days on campus outside of class time
- Curriculum more challenging each semester
- Work hours to minimum-students who work more than 20 hours per week, in general, struggle and have difficulty continuing to be successful in the program.

Considerations for Success



- You are entering a healthcare career **program of study**-not just taking additional classes.
- You will be preparing to take a national licensure exam.
- You will have the responsibility for caring for patients.
- In addition to learning knowledge and skills, you will be expected to demonstrate professional behaviors in all classes & clinical experiences.

Further Questions???



- **Current & former NVCC students contact:**
 - Center for Academic Planning & Student Success (CAPSS) office
 - 203-575-8025
- **New students, contact:**
 - Admissions office
 - 203-575-8040

Reminders



Please note: this information is in regard to the Fall 2015 application cycle for the incoming 2016 class.

Admission requirements may change without notice.

It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of the most updated information.

PTA Program Information Sessions



- Check PTA webpage, www.nv.edu/pta, for upcoming information sessions.
- Sessions are held at NVCC in Ekstrom Hall, E625 (PTA Classroom).
- RSVP not required.

Thank You For Your Time



Good Luck in Your Future Goals!!

The PTA Faculty & Staff



Good Luck!



We Look Forward
to Seeing You!