



## Physical Therapist Assistant Program Information Sheet

### for students starting in Spring 2024

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program leads to an Associate of Science degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be eligible to apply for state licensure as a physical therapist assistant and sit for the Federation of State Boards for Physical Therapy Physical Therapist Assistant licensure exam. The PTA program begins each January in the spring semester. Additional information may be found on the PTA Program webpage at [www.nv.edu/PTA](http://www.nv.edu/PTA).

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Naugatuck Valley 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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org). For program specific information, please contact the program director Janet Gangaway PT, DPT at [jgangaway@nvcc.commnet.edu](mailto:jgangaway@nvcc.commnet.edu).

### **The application period for Spring 2024 admission is June 1, 2023 through application deadline of October 1, 2023. Checklist for application**

- CT State Community College application--separate from the PTA program application.
  - <https://ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApply>
- Physical Therapist Assistant program application.
  - <https://www.ct.edu/files/pdfs/FINAL%20Selective%20Admission%20Application%20Instructions.pdf>
- Copy of high school diploma indicating date of graduation, General Educational Development (GED) diploma, or State High School Equivalency Diploma.
- 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](http://www.wes.org)) or Globe Language Service ([www.globelanguage.com](http://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. Please note there are additional medical and immunization requirements once admitted to the program (including tuberculosis screening, flu vaccination and Covid-19 vaccination including booster)
- 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 **October 1, 2023**.

### **PTA Admission Requirements:**

- MAT 167/MAT 1200 Statistics** with grade of C or higher, completed spring 2019 semester or later.
- BIO 121/BIO 1210 General Biology I**, or equivalent, with grade of C+ or higher, completed spring 2019 semester or later.
- ENG 101/ENG 1010 English Composition**, or equivalent, with grade of C or higher.
- PSY 111/PSY 1011 General Psychology** general education elective, with 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 differs from the college GPA.*
- ATI TEAS** (nursing or allied health version) with Adjusted Individual Total Score of 60% or higher completed by October 1, 2023. Test scores are valid from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2023. Go to [www.atitesting.com](http://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 settings. [https://nv.edu/Portals/0/Documents/AcademicPrograms/PTA/Observation\\_Hours\\_Log-2022.pdf](https://nv.edu/Portals/0/Documents/AcademicPrograms/PTA/Observation_Hours_Log-2022.pdf)
  - It is recommended that all applicants attend a PTA Program Information Session. Refer to website for additional information.
  - Unless exempted, students should take CCS 1001: College and Career Success prior to starting the program.
  - Students are encouraged to complete as many of the general education (non-PTA) classes as they can before starting the program.
  - Additional information, including the ranking process and PTA Program Financial Fact sheet can be found online: [nv.edu/PTA](http://nv.edu/PTA)

## PTA Curriculum – CT State @ Naugatuck Valley

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

BIO 1210+	General Biology I+	4 credits
ENG 1010	English Composition	3 credits
MAT 1200	Statistics+	3 credits
PSY 1011	General Psychology+	3 credits
CCS 1001	College and Career Success	<u>3 credits</u>
		16 credits

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

#### First Semester (Spring)

PTA 1200	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3 credits
PTA 1250	PT for Function	4 credits
PTA 1300	Clinical Anatomy & Kinesiology	3 credits
BIO 2111	Anatomy & Physiology I	<u>4 credits</u>
		14 credits

#### Second Semester (Fall)

PTA 1450	Physical Agents in Physical Therapy	3 credits
PTA 1500	PT Interventions in Orthopedics	4 credits
PTA 1550	Pathology for the PTA I	3 credits
BIO 2112	Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>4 credits</u>
		14 credits

#### Third Semester (Spring)

PTA 2500	PT Interventions in Special Populations	3 credits
PTA 2550	Pathology for the PTA II	3 credits
PTA 2580	The PTA in the Healthcare Arena	1 credit
PTA 2694	PTA Part-Time Clinical Experience	1 credit
WRIX	Written Communication II	3 credits
ARHX	Arts & Humanities (must meet diversity requirement)	<u>3 credits</u>
		14 credits

#### Fourth Semester (Fall)

PTA 2990	Physical Therapy Seminar	3 credits
PTA 2794	PTA Full-Time Clinical Experience I	3 credits
PTA 2894	PTA Full-Time Clinical Experience II	<u>3 credits</u>
		9 credits

Total General Education/non-PTA courses	30 credits
Total PTA courses	<u>37 credits</u>
<b>Total Program Credits</b>	<b>67 credits</b>

+ There may be a prerequisite course that must be successfully completed prior to taking the course.

**Background Check/Substance Screening Requirement:** All students will be required to undergo a background check, including fingerprinting, for felony convictions and a substance screening prior to clinical experiences. A positive drug screen will prevent a student from continuing in the program. Those with a positive results 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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