

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program leads to an Associate in Science degree. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to sit for examination 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), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

PTA Application Process:

The application period for Spring 2017 admission is April 1, 2016 through October 15, 2016.

Submit the following to the NVCC Admissions Office by the **October 15, 2016 deadline:**

- Naugatuck Valley Community College application (separate from the PTA program application) with application fee of \$20.00 for first-time applicant to any of the twelve Connecticut Community Colleges.
- Physical Therapist Assistant program application.
- Official high school transcript 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 American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (www.aacrao.org) or World Education Services (www.wes.org).
- Proof of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), and Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunity, if required.
- 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.*)
- Information Session Attendance Form (provided at PTA Information Sessions).
- Complete the computerized Accuplacer Assessment Test. The assessment test may be waived for applicants who have prior college English and/or math credits OR who have submitted official Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) results with minimum required scores.

PTA Admission Requirements:

- Mathematics elective (higher level than MAT* H136/H137 (Intermediate Algebra)) with grade of C+ or higher, completed within five (5) years prior+ to entering PTA Program and by the application deadline of 10/15/16.
- BIO* H211, Anatomy and Physiology I, or equivalent, with grade of C+ or higher, completed within five (5) years prior+ to entering PTA Program and by the application deadline of 10/15/16.
- ENG* H101, English Composition, or equivalent, with grade of C or higher completed by the application deadline of 10/15/16.
- Aesthetic Dimensions/Written Communication general education elective, with grade of C or higher completed by the application deadline of 10/15/16.
- 2.5 PTA GPA – Based only on the college courses with grades that meet the PTA admission and PTA program curriculum requirements, which have been completed by 10/15/16. *The PTA GPA is a calculation specific to PTA applicants and may differ from your college GPA.*
- TEAS version V (ending 8/30/16) or version ATI TEAS (beginning 8/31/16) with Adjusted Individual Total Score of 50% or higher completed by October 15, 2016. Test scores will be valid for three (3) years and must be taken between 10/15/13 and 10/15/16. Go to www.atitesting.com for testing schedules and registration information. A study manual for the test is available at www.atitesting.com. Applicants can take this test multiple times.
- All applicants must attend a PTA Program Information Session. Refer to website for additional information.
- Documented volunteer/observational experience totaling a minimum of 10 hours in each of an out-patient and an in-patient physical therapy setting (minimum 20 hours total) completed prior to application deadline of October 15, 2016.

Note: Applicants will be considered stronger candidates for admission if they have earned a Bachelor's degree and/or completed all general education courses in the PTA curriculum with minimum grade (C) requirement by the October 15, 2016 deadline. BIO* H212 (Anatomy & Physiology II) requires C+ minimum grade and the course must be completed within five (5) years prior+ to entering the program.

+ "Five (5) years prior" is defined as having completed the course during Spring semester 2012 or later.

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Curriculum

PTA Program Requirements:

Admission Requirements

BIO* H211+	Anatomy & Physiology I	4 credits
ENG* H101+	English Composition	3 credits
Elective+	Mathematics (higher level than MAT* H136/H137)	3 credits
Elective+	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	<u>3 credits</u>
		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+	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

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

Note: PTA courses must be taken in the designated sequence. General Education courses must be completed in the semester indicated above or may be completed earlier with minimum grades of C. BIO* H211, BIO* H212, and Mathematics elective require minimum grades of C+ and must be completed within five (5) years prior to entering the PTA program.

Some admission and/or program requirements may be met through AP (Advanced Placement) exams, CLEP (College Level Examination Program) exams, and/or institutional credit-by-exam tests. PTA program application process, admission requirements, and/or curriculum may change without notice.

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.

Clinical Education Experiences: 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.

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