

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
Catalog 2005-2007**

San Juan College offers a Physical Therapist Assistant Program in a full-time day format and a new online format with lecture material presented online and lab classes and examinations during four to six weekends each semester. Both programs lead to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Both programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. Students who successfully complete either program will be eligible to take the computerized National Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure Examination and become licensed Physical Therapist Assistants. Students must take this exam in order to practice in most states. The fees for taking the exam in New Mexico are approximately \$700. These fees are the student's responsibility. Licensing requirements for PTA's vary from state to state. This program is available by pre-selection only, and gives preference to New Mexico residents. Contact the PTA Program office for further information. **Note:** A student must earn a grade of a "C" or higher in every course required in the PTA program curriculum. (This includes all pre-requisites (70%) and technical program (76%) courses. Less than a "C" in any professional course will result in program suspension.

Program Admission Requirements:

In order to be eligible for the PTA program, students must complete the following by August 1:

1. Be admitted to San Juan College as a regular degree seeking student with Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant (V-PPTA) as a declared major.
2. Complete and submit an application to the PTA Program.
3. Have official transcripts from high school and all self-selected colleges sent to PTA Program Office and Admissions and Records Office.
4. Have a minimum of 40 hours of physical therapy observation in four different settings with appropriate documentation sent to the PTA Program Office.
5. Submit three professional letters of reference from any related professions, counselors, instructors, supervisors, PT's or PTA's.

Within the first two weeks of August:

1. Complete the PSB (Psychological Services Bureau) General Aptitude Exam (\$20.00 Fee). If asked to come to an interview you may sign up for PSB with the counseling department on campus.
2. Interviews, a written essay, a critical thinking exercise, and the PSB exam will be conducted during the first or second week of August. In order to complete the application process for the PTA Program, students must complete all first semester and second semester courses by the end of the fall semester of the year of application.

Those accepted are required to:

1. Have a physical examination and provide documentation of required immunizations. The PTA program will provide the forms.
2. Complete CPR and First Aid certification by the first clinical day and retain certification throughout the program. Both courses will be provided once the student is officially enrolled in the technical program.
3. Comply with the requirements listed in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Student Handbook.

The final decision on entry into the PTA Program at San Juan College will be made following the posting of the final semester grades prior to the technical portion of the program. Upon review of the final grades and ranking of the students applying to the PTA Program, the top 12 students will be admitted for the first semester of the technical program. The PTA Program adheres to the mission, nondiscrimination and equal opportunity policies of San Juan College. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, San Juan College and the PTA Program provide access to the disabled and accommodation in alternate formats. Students who need accommodations (i.e., notetaker, interpreter, special seating, etc.) need to provide accommodation notices to the instructor. Students can contact the Students with Disabilities on Campus (SDOC) Coordinator in the Counseling Center, located in the Educational Services Center, to make arrangements and provide documentation in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

			Credit Hours	Grade	
1st Semester					
___	ENGL	111	Freshman Composition	3	_____
___	MATH	114	Mathematics for Health Careers	3	_____
___	BIOL	112	Human Body Structures and Functions	4	_____
___	SPCH	111	Interpersonal Communication	3	_____
					Total 13 credits
2nd Semester					
___	HITP	110	Medical Terminology	3	_____
___	ENGL	218	Advanced Technical Composition	3	_____
___	PHYS	111	Introduction to Physics	4	_____
___	PSYC	120	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
___	PTAP	115	Musculoskeletal Focus for PTAs* (Fall Only)	2	_____
					Total 15 credits
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The following PTAP courses must be taken in the sequence listed and students must be accepted into the program in order to register for these courses.

Spring Semester					
___	PTAP	110	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	3	_____
___	PTAP	125	Clinical Kinesiology	4	_____
___	PTAP	130	Pathophysiology for the Allied Health Student	3	_____
___	PTAP	150	PTA Procedures I	4	_____
					Total 14 credits

Summer Session					
___	PTAP	140	Therapeutic Exercise	3	_____
___	PTAP	160	PTA Procedures II	3	_____
					Total 6 credits

Fall Semester					
___	PTAP	210	Principles of Rehabilitation	5	_____
___	PTAP	240	Clinical Externship	2	_____
___	PTAP	250	PTA Procedures III	4	_____
___	PTAP	260	Seminar	2	_____
					Total 13 credits

Spring Semester					
___	PTAP	280	Clinical Externship	13	_____
					Total 13 credits

Total credit hours required for this degree is 74

*Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIOL 252 and BIOL 258) may be taken in place of BIOL 112 only with PTA Program Director's permission.
 COSC 125, Business Microcomputer Applications, is highly recommended for all health career students.