

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
CATALOG 2008-2009

San Juan College offers an On-Campus and an On-Line Physical Therapy Assistant Program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Both programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Students who successfully complete the program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Assistant Licensing Examination. PTAs must be licensed in order to practice in most states.

The application deadline for both programs is August 1 of each year. For a program application, please download one from: www.sanjuancollege.edu/pta or contact the PTA Program at (505) 566-3425. Each PTA program accepts 15 to 20 students every year based on the admissions criteria outlined in the program application. Both PTA Programs start in January of each year. Students must complete all prerequisites prior to starting the PTA Program.

Prerequisites

			Credit Hours	Grade
1st Semester				
_____	ENGL 111	Freshman Composition **	3	_____
_____	BIOL 112	Human Body Structure and Function*	4	_____
_____	HITP 110	Medical Terminology	3	_____
_____	MATH 114	Mathematics for Health Careers	<u>3</u>	_____
		Total	13	
2nd Semester				
_____	ENGL 218	Advanced Technical Composition	3	_____
_____	PHYS 111	Introduction to Physics***	4	_____
_____	PSYC 120	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
_____	PTAP 115	Musculoskeletal Focus for PTA's ****(offered fall semester only)	2	_____
_____	SPCH 111	Interpersonal Communication	<u>3</u>	_____
		Total	15	

Total Prerequisite Credits 28

PLEASE NOTE:

- * BIOL 252 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I and BIOL 253 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II may be taken in place of BIOL 112 – Human Body Structure and Functions, only with the PTA Program Director’s permission.
- ** ENGL 111 – Freshman Composition is a prerequisite to ENGL 218 – Advanced Technical Composition
- *** MATH 114 – Mathematics for Health Careers is the prerequisite for PHYS 111. The Physics requirement must be 4 credits.
- **** Prerequisite is BIOL 112 is a prerequisite to PTAP 115. PTAP 115 is offered fall semester immediately prior to starting the PTA Program in January if accepted based on the selection process.

All science classes must be current within five years.

Any substitution for the general education courses are at the discretion of the PTA Program Director.

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ON-LINE PTA PROGRAM

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.

					Credit Hours	Grade
Spring Semester of the First Year						
___	PTAP	110	Introduction to Physical Therapy Assistant		3	___
___	PTAP	125	Clinical Kinesiology (L)		<u>4</u>	___
			Total		7	
Summer Session of the First Year						
___	PTAP	130	Pathophysiology for the Allied Health Student		3	___
___	PTAP	150	PTA Procedures I (L)		<u>4</u>	___
			Total		7	
Fall Semester of the First Year						
___	PTAP	140	Therapeutic Exercise (L)		3	___
___	PTAP	160	PTA Procedures II (L)		<u>3</u>	___
			Total		6	
Spring Semester of the Second Year						
___	PTAP	210	Principles of Rehabilitation (L)		5	___
___	PTAP	260	Seminar		<u>2</u>	___
			Total		7	
Summer Session of the Second Year						
___	PTAP	240	Clinical Externship (part-time rotation)		2	___
___	PTAP	250	PTA Procedures III (L)		<u>4</u>	___
			Total		6	
Fall Semester of the Second Year						
___	PTAP	280	Clinical Externship (full-time rotations)*		<u>13</u>	___
			Total		13	
Total PTA Program					46	

(L) On-Line students are required to be at San Juan College approximately 8-16 days (including weekends) per lab course toward the end of each semester. On-Line students are responsible for transportation and lodging associated with the on-campus portion of lab courses. On-Line students are also responsible for additional fees related to printing course material and obtaining a proctor for the PTAP exams.

* Full-time clinical externships may be completed during one semester or over three semesters.

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 students with disabilities. Students who need accommodations (i.e., note take, interpreter, special seating, etc.) need to provide accommodation notices to the instructor. Students can contact the Disability Services in the Advising and Counseling Center, located in the Educational Service Center, to make arrangements and provide documentation in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Students must also adhere to the Academic Honesty Policy at San Juan College. A copy of this policy can be found at: <http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/3010.asp>.