

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT  
Associate of Applied Science Degree  
Catalog 2009-2010

San Juan College offers an On-Campus and an On-Line Physical Therapy Assistant Program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree. Each PTA program accepts 20 students every year. 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](http://www.sanjuancollege.edu/pta) or contact the PTA Program at (505) 566-3425. Acceptance into either program is 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
<b>1st Semester</b>					
_____	BIOL	112	Human Body: Structures and Functions*	4	_____
_____	ENGL	111	Freshman Composition**	3	_____
_____	HITP	110	Medical Terminology	3	_____
_____	MATH	114	Mathematics for Health Careers	<u>3</u>	_____
				Total 13	
<b>2nd Semester</b>					
_____	ENGL	218	Advanced Technical Composition**	3	_____
_____	PHYS	111	Introduction to Physics***	4	_____
_____	PSYC	120	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
_____	PTAP	115	Musculoskeletal Focus**** (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: Structures and Functions only with the PTA program director’s permission.
- \*\* ENGL 111 – Freshman Composition is a prerequisite to ENGL 218 – Advanced Technical Composition
- \*\*\* MATH 096 – Introductory Algebra or higher or a Math Accuplacer 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 summer and fall semester prior to starting the PTA Program in January, if accepted based on the selection process.

**All science classes must be current within five years.**

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**ON-CAMPUS 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.

					<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>Grade</b>
<b>Spring Semester of the First Year</b>						
_____	PTAP	110	Introduction to Physical Therapy Assistant		3	_____
_____	PTAP	125	Clinical Kinesiology		4	_____
_____	PTAP	130	Pathophysiology		3	_____
_____	PTAP	150	PTA Procedures I		4	_____
			Total		14	
<b>Summer Session</b>						
_____	PTAP	140	Therapeutic Exercise		3	_____
_____	PTAP	160	PTA Procedures II		<u>3</u>	_____
			Total		6	
<b>Fall Semester of the First Year</b>						
_____	PTAP	210	Principles of Rehabilitation		5	_____
_____	PTAP	240	Part-Time Clinical Externships		2	_____
_____	PTAP	250	PTA Procedures III		4	_____
_____	PTAP	260	Seminar		<u>2</u>	_____
			Total		13	
<b>Spring Semester of the Second Year</b>						
_____	PTAP	280	Full-Time Clinical Externships		<u>13</u>	_____
			Total		13	

Total PTA Program 46.

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>.