

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Catalog 2010-2011

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 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.

This degree is **NOT** designed to transfer to a 4-year college or university. Student must complete a graduate degree in physical therapy to become a physical therapist.

All science classes must be current within five years.

<u>Prerequisites</u>	Credit Hours	Grade
1st Semester		
____ 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	
2nd Semester		
____ ENGL 218 Advanced Technical Composition**	3	_____
____ PSYC 120 Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
____ PTAP 115 Musculoskeletal Focus*** (offered fall semester only)	2	_____
____ COMM 111 Interpersonal Communication	<u>3</u>	_____
	Total 11	

Total Prerequisite Credits 24

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
- *** 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.

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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.

					Credit Hours	Grade
Spring Semester of the First Year						
___	PTAP	110	Introduction to Physical Therapy Assistant		3	_____
___	PTAP	125	Clinical Kinesiology		4	_____
___	PTAP	130	Pathophysiology		3	_____
___	PTAP	150	PTA Procedures I		<u>4</u>	_____
			Total		14	
Summer Session of the First Year						
___	PTAP	140	Therapeutic Exercise		3	_____
___	PTAP	160	PTA Procedures II		<u>3</u>	_____
			Total		6	
Fall Semester of the First Year						
___	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	
Spring Semester of the Second Year						
___	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>.