

PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
Associate of Applied Science Degree
ON-LINE PROGRAM
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.

| Prerequisites | 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-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 | | <u>4</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 7 | |
| Summer Session of the First Year | | | | | | |
| ___ | PTAP | 130 | Pathophysiology | | 3 | ___ |
| ___ | PTAP | 150 | PTA Procedures I | | <u>4</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 7 | |
| Fall Semester of the First Year | | | | | | |
| ___ | PTAP | 140 | Therapeutic Exercise | | 3 | ___ |
| ___ | PTAP | 160 | PTA Procedures II | | <u>3</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 6 | |
| Spring Semester of the Second Year | | | | | | |
| ___ | PTAP | 210 | Principles of Rehabilitation | | 5 | ___ |
| ___ | PTAP | 260 | Seminar | | <u>2</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 7 | |
| Summer Session of the Second Year | | | | | | |
| ___ | PTAP | 240 | Part-Time Clinical Externships | | 2 | ___ |
| ___ | PTAP | 250 | PTA Procedures III | | <u>4</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 6 | |
| Fall Semester of the Second Year | | | | | | |
| ___ | PTAP | 280 | Full-Time Clinical Externships* | | <u>13</u> | ___ |
| | | | | Total | 13 | |

Total PTA Program 46

On-Line students are required to be at San Juan College approximately 7-14 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.

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.sanjuacollege.edu/pages/3010.asp>.