

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is the only individual who assists the Physical Therapist in accordance with the American Physical Therapy Association's policies and positions in the delivery of selected physical therapy interventions. Interventions include therapeutic exercise, myofascial release, massage, range of motion, facilitation techniques, coordination, balance, motor learning, assistive device training, brace and supportive device training, and application of physical agents such as electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat, cold and light based therapies.



PTA Degree

Join one of the fastest-growing health care fields in the country! By enrolling in Washburn University's Physical Therapist Assistant program, you will earn a 73-credit-hour associate of science degree. Students learn basic physical therapy procedures, current rehab techniques and have access to the Regional Simulation Center (RSC) at Washburn Tech. The facility is a new, state-of-the-art health care training lab that resembles an acute health care setting with the newest technology.

How to Apply

You must apply to Washburn University if you are not currently enrolled. Candidates are required to submit all academic transcripts directly to the PTA program. If you have less than 12 hours of college credit at the time of application, submit both a high school transcript and a college transcript. The minimum grade point average (GPA) criteria for admissions consideration is 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Finally, submit a completed PTA application packet by mail. Application packets that are emailed or faxed will not be accepted.

Getting Started

Begin the application process by going to www.washburn.edu/pta. Follow the steps that are listed as part of the PTA application packet. Completed applications must be received by February 1 for the next fall semester. Acceptance to Washburn University does not guarantee acceptance to the PTA program.

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For more program, enrollment, and schedule information please contact Washburn Admissions. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.
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Requirements for Major: 30 credit hours in the department, including:

AL 170 Physical Therapy Procedures I
AL 171 Musculoskeletal Assessment in Physical Therapy
AL 186 Cardiopulmonary Assessment in Allied Health
AL 261 Therapeutic Modalities in Physical Therapy
AL 264 Physical Therapy Clinical I
AL 265 Applied Neurophysiology-Physical Therapist Assistant
AL 268 Integumentary Assessment in Physical Therapy
AL 271 Health Policy & Systems in Physical Therapy
AL 272 Current Rehab Techniques in Physical Therapy
AL 273 Physical Therapy Issues
AL 279 Physical Therapy Clinical II/III

Correlate Area: 17 hours

AL 101 Foundations of Health Care
AL 320 Human Disease
*BI 230 Intro to Human Physiology
*BI 275 Human Anatomy & Lab
KN 321 Anatomical Kinesiology
IL 170 Library Research Strategies- Health

General Education Requirements (AS):

Humanities (6) (GEHU/GECPA) (Max 3 hours/ discipline)	C o u r s e Number	Social Sciences (6) (GESS) (Max 3 hours/ discipline)	C o u r s e Number	Natural Sciences/ Mathematics (3) (GENS) (Area other than Mathematics)	C o u r s e Number
Humanities 1 (3)		Soc. Science 1 (3)		Nat. Science 1 (3-5)	BI 100 & 101
Humanities 2 (3)		Soc. Science 2 (3)			

Core University/AS-Specific Requirements:

WU 101 (3)**		>= 2.0 Major Cumulative GPA	
EN 101 (3)		>= 2.0 Overall Cumulative GPA	
MA 112 or MA 116 (3)***		Total Hours (73)	

*BI 100/101 Pre-requisite to BI 230, BI 250, BI 255, and BI 275

**Students transferring with 24 or more credit hours completed at an accredited post-secondary institution (after graduating from High School) with a GPA of 2.0 or higher are exempt from this requirement

***May be waived if student successfully completes a higher-level mathematics course with a grade of C or higher or if a student presents an ACT score in mathematics of at least 28 (SAT of at least 640)