

HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT- AAS DEGREE PLAN

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The two-year, 66 hour curriculum in physical therapy leads to an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS). The physical therapist assistant curriculum includes on-campus coursework and clinical experiences in traditional and non-traditional physical therapy settings. The program helps prepare the graduate to take the National Physical Therapy Examination provided by The Federation of State Board Examiners (FSBPT) to become a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). Graduates must also meet licensure requirements as mandated by the Executive Council on Physical Therapy Examiners for the state of Texas or the state in which licensure is sought. Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; email: [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education](#) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Navarro College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education](#); website: [Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education](#).

Admission to the PTA program is a separate procedure from admission to Navarro College. Applicants must first meet all admission criteria for Navarro College. Once enrolled in Navarro College, the student may submit an application to the PTA Program. It is mandatory for potential applicants to attend one of the information sessions, which are conducted at various times throughout the year. Applications to the program may be obtained by attending an information session, in person through the Health Professions Department located on Corsicana campus or on the Midlothian campus, or by electronic download from the program web page. Positions in the program are limited and are a selective process. Admission decisions will be made through a points system. Priority status is determined from the following data: completion of or exemption from Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements, grades in non-physical therapy courses and pre-requisite courses (completed prior to the application deadline) on the PTA degree plan, previous healthcare work experience, and/or completion of a prior degree or health certification. The Physical Therapist Assistant program is only available on the Midlothian campus.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- All required coursework must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Students will provide proof of required or state-mandated health screenings, immunizations and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training. Clinical training will require drug screenings and criminal background checks.
- Entry into PTHA 2366 Practicum must occur within six months of completing academic studies.
- Interruption in sequence of studies may require additional coursework to help ensure clinical readiness.

PLEASE NOTE: A felony conviction may affect a graduate’s ability to sit for the FSBPT (Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy) and/or attain state licensure.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS REGARDING LICENSING - PTA

Effective September 1, 2017, House Bill (HB) 1508 amends the Texas Occupations Code Section 53 that requires education providers to notify you a potential or enrolled student that a criminal history may make you ineligible for an occupational license upon program completion. The [Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners](#) page provides links to information about the licensing process and requirements.

Should you wish to request a review of the impact of criminal history on your potential PTA License prior to or during your quest for a degree, you can visit the [Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners](#) page and request a “Criminal History Evaluation.”

This information is being provided to all persons who apply or enroll in the program with notice of the requirements as described above, regardless of whether or not the person has been convicted of a criminal offense. Additionally, HB 1508 authorizes licensing agencies to require reimbursements when a student fails to receive the required notice.

PREREQUISITES

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 2401	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2402	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Total Credit Hours		14

FRESHMAN YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PTHA 1325	Communication in Healthcare	3
PTHA 1409	Introduction to Physical Therapy	4
PTHA 1413	Functional Anatomy	4
PTHA 1321	Pathophysiology for PTA	3
Spring Total Credit Hours		14

FRESHMAN YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PTHA 2509	Therapeutic Exercise	5
PTHA 1431	Physical Agents	4
PTHA 2205	Neurology	2
PTHA 2301	Essentials of Data Collection	3
PHIL 1301 or PHIL 2306	Introduction to Philosophy or Introduction to Ethics	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		17

SOPHOMORE YEAR - SPRING

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PTHA 2531	Management of Neurological Disorders	5
PTHA 1260	PTA Clinical I	2
PTHA 2535	Rehabilitation Techniques	5
Spring Total Credit Hours		12

SOPHOMORE YEAR - FALL

COURSE SECTION	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
PTHA 2360	PTA Clinical II	3
PTHA 2366	PTA Practicum	3
PTHA 2339	Professional Issues	3
Fall Total Credit Hours		9
Program Total Credit Hours		66

Navarro College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate and baccalaureate degrees. Navarro College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Navarro College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on [SACSCOC's website](#).