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Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) – Career

The Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares the physical therapist assistant (PTA) to provide physical therapy interventions and components of therapeutic measurement under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Program Goals

- Program graduates will be entry-level prepared physical therapist assistants who are able to work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in a professional manner.
- Program graduates will value life-long learning and commitment through continued education and professional development.
- The program will prepare graduates to deliver safe, ethical, and effective physical therapy services to the diverse surrounding community.
- Program faculty will provide instruction based on current evidence-based practice within an innovative and supportive learning environment.

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Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S.

FIRST YEAR – Summer Semester

☐ ENGL 101 English Composition I <i>or</i> ENGL 101E Enhanced English Composition I	3–4
☐ MATH 108 College Geometry	3
☐ BIOL 105 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
☐ PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
	13–14

Second Semester – Fall Semester

☐ ENGL 102 English Composition II	3
☐ BIOL 106 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
☐ PTAS 103 Introduction to PT Assisting	3
☐ PTAS 108 Therapeutic Exercise	2
☐ PTAS 110 Kinesiology and Measurement I	3
☐ PTAS 115 Patient Care for the PTA	2
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Third Semester – Spring Semester

☐ PTAS 105 Pathophysiology for the PTA	2
☐ PTAS 120 Kinesiology and Measurement II	3
☐ PTAS 125 Patient Care for the PTA II	3
☐ PTAS 203 Biophysical Agents	3
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SECOND YEAR – Fall Semester

☐ PTAS 205 Orthopedics for the PTA	2
☐ PTAS 211 Clinical Experience I	3
☐ PTAS 213 Geriatrics and Special Populations	2
☐ PTAS 217 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary PT	3
☐ PTAS 202 Lifespan Neurorehabilitation	5
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Fifth Semester – Spring Semester

☐ PTAS 221 Clinical Experience II	5
☐ PTAS 231 Clinical Experience III	5
☐ PTAS 245 Seminar in PT Professionalism	2
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 68

Program Information

Students receive acceptance into the program once, yearly, for the Summer semester. Petitions for entry into the program will be made available to students during the preceding Spring/Summer semester. Students should contact their advisor to clarify four-year degree transfer requirements and refer to the College catalog for course prerequisites.

Upon graduation from the PTA program, students will be eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants to determine competence for licensure application and thus will be able to work in a variety of patient settings.

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The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Rowan College of South Jersey is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program directly, please call 856-415-2179 or email edoyle@rcsj.edu.

Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S., continued

Program Learning Outcomes

At the completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant program, a graduate will:

1. Exhibit professional behaviors in the role as a responsible physical therapist assistant by providing safe, ethical, and legal care while working under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
2. Demonstrate entry-level competency in all required intervention skills of a PTA and provide proficient care based on the plan of care developed by the physical therapist.
3. Communicate effectively with patients/clients, caregivers, family members, members of the health care team, payers, and policymakers through written, verbal, and non-verbal means.
4. Compose accurate documentation in the health record to comply with facility and payer regulations consistent with the health care delivery system.
5. Recognize healthcare disparities and social determinants of health with the delivery of physical therapy services.
6. Participate in career development and lifelong learning opportunities to remain contemporary within an ever-changing healthcare environment.

Special Program Admission Requirements

Physical Therapist Assistant is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted into the program prior to registering for any PTA courses. Please contact the Enrollment Services office for an admission packet.

Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) and urine drug screening (UDS) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC and UDS upon acceptance into the PTA Program. CHBC and UDS results may be sent to the clinical agencies, who have the sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC and UDS, the student will be dismissed from the PTA Program.

A minimum grade of "C+" is required in all courses, in the PTA program of study including General Education and Science courses and students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher [as per the current institutional grading scale].

Refer to the course description section of this catalog for prerequisite and corequisite course requirements. The most up-to-date application information is on the College's website at RCSJ.edu/SelectiveAdmissions.

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