

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT REGIONAL PROGRAM



## Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Regional Program

The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program is to prepare individuals to become physical therapist assistants who are able to perform selected components of interventions and data collection under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. The program will prepare graduates who are eligible to sit for the national licensing examination for the physical therapist assistant.

The two-year Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program leads to the Associate in Applied Science degree. The curriculum combines general education and physical therapy courses. Various facilities are utilized for clinical experiences.

Enrollment in this program is limited; therefore, a selective admissions process utilizing a point index system is followed (for information on admission guidelines, please contact the Admissions Office).

## Job Outlook

According to the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics ([www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)), employment is projected to grow much faster than average. Employment of physical therapist assistants is expected to increase by 33 percent from 2008 through 2018.

*The Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program at Hazard Community & Technical College/Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical 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: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.*



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### Classes Offered:

Hazard Community & Technical College/  
Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College  
Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program  
Associate in Applied Science Degree Curriculum

### FIRST YEAR

Summer Session ..... Credit Hours  
BIO 137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I..... 4  
ENG 101 Writing I ..... 3

### Fall Semester ..... Credit Hours

PTA 101 Orientation to Physical Therapy Practice ..... 5  
PTA 125 Neuroanatomy for the PTA..... 1  
BIO 139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II..... 4  
PSY 110 General Psychology..... 3  
Heritage/Humanities ..... 3

### Spring Semester ..... Credit Hours

PTA 150 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology..... 6  
PTA 160 Medical & Surgical Conditions in Physical Therapy ..... 3  
PTA 170 Clinical Practicum I ..... 1  
PSY 223 Developmental Psychology..... 3

### SECOND YEAR

Summer Session ..... Credit Hours  
MAT 150 College Algebra ..... 3  
Oral Communications ..... 3

### Fall Semester ..... Credit Hours

PTA 200 Modalities & Procedures in Physical Therapy..... 5  
PTA 220 Physical Therapy Principles & Procedures..... 5  
PTA 240 Clinical Practicum II ..... 2

### Spring Semester..... Credit Hours

PTA 250 Neurological Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy..... 5  
PTA 260 Seminar in Physical Therapy ..... 2  
PTA 280 Clinical Practicum III ..... 5

\*Note: Digital Literacy must be demonstrated either by competency exam or by successfully completing a digital literacy course.

Students enrolled in the PTA Regional Program must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each required general education course and PTA didactic course; and a grade of pass in each clinical practicum course to complete the program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program, the following credentials must be on file in the college records office by April 1 of each year:

- Application for admission to a KCTCS institution.
- Official transcripts of all post-secondary education, excluding KCTCS institutions.
- ACT National Exam or SAT score report.
- Proof of attendance at a pre-admission conference with the coordinator or the coordinator's designee is required prior to an applicant's consideration by the Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee. This must be completed on an annual basis.

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. Selection of students for the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program will be made by the presidents of the colleges or the presidents' designee after considering the recommendations of a Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee.
2. Applicants admitted into the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program must have completed BIO 137, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, or its equivalent, with a "C" or higher, prior to entering the program.
3. Applicants admitted into the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program must have completed a program-approved CPR course prior to entering the program.
4. Preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate above average standing in high school or on the General Education Development Examination (GED).
5. Preference may be given to applicants with an ACT National Exam composite score of 19 or higher, or the equivalent on the SAT.
6. Preference may be given to applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the approved curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from any accredited college.
7. Preference may be given to Kentucky residents and applicants from the college service area.
8. A selective interview process may be employed.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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