



WHAT IS PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT?

Physical therapist assistants work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists. They help patients recovering from injuries and illnesses regain movement and manage pain. Physical therapist assistants are involved in the direct care of patients.

For more Career Resources to help you explore the possibilities, see the other side.

WHAT DEGREE DO I GET AT WWCC?

For most Health Technology Degrees, the Associate in Arts-DTA works to incorporate prerequisite courses at WWCC in your education plan. Below are recommended courses to prepare you for this type of program. Check out www.wbcc.edu/associateinarts for specific degree requirements.

RECOMMENDED COURSES

Every program / institution may require slightly different prerequisites. It is highly recommended that you speak with a representative at the future institution to identify specific prerequisite coursework or other requirements to be ready for your program (eg-minimum GPA requirements) and work with your advisor to develop an Education Plan including proper courses.

The courses listed below are recommended only, completion of these courses does not guarantee admissions to institutions or programs.

COMMUNICATIONS (13 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- ENGL&101-Composition I
- Select a speech course depending on school/program preference.

HUMANITIES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

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NATURAL SCIENCES (15 CREDITS REQUIRED)

- BIOL&160-General Biology
- BIOL&241-Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIOL&242-Anatomy & Physiology II

The AA degree requires an additional 3 credits for Physical Activity courses, First Year Experience, and a Diversity course for completion.

Important Notes:

While an advisor is available to help research and plan courses, it is the student's responsibility to research and communicate with schools and programs to which they intend to apply to verify prerequisites and requirements as these vary and are subject to change. Please check out the links to schools available at www.wbcc.edu/health-technology

SOME SCHOOLS WITH A PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM:

Brigham Young University-Idaho
Lane Community College
Olympic College

Green River Community College
Mt. Hood Community College
Pierce College

Lake Washington Institute of Technology
North Idaho College
Spokane Falls Community College

This is general guide for planning purposes and does not include specific dates for specific schools; that information must be obtained from your prospective colleges and universities. For more Planning Tips and Resources for this pathway, see the other side.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT

American Physical Therapy Association - apta.org

CAREER RESOURCES

For more information and resources, please visit our Career website at: www.wvcc.edu/career-services

TIPS FOR PREPARING

Please visit the Health Technology page at www.wvcc.edu/health-technology for a full listing of regional programs. Use this information to determine deadlines, start dates, additional prerequisites for programs, information sessions, and contacts.

Most programs require volunteer experience prior to application.

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