



Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Take your career as a physical therapist assistant to the next level by earning your bachelor's degree. Gain additional knowledge and skills you need to help you excel as a physical therapist assistant.

Students who have graduated from a physical therapist assistant associate degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education are eligible for Pima Medical Institute's Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (BSPTA) degree completion program.

The BSPTA program is offered online, providing you with a flexible learning schedule. That means you can advance your career while balancing your personal and professional obligations.



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	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits	
Transfer of Credit (15 general education, 39 PTA, 12 related credits)				66.0	
Transfer Totals				66.0	
Semester I					
Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
ENG 320	Advanced College Writing	45			3.0
CPT 301	Microcomputer Applications	45			3.0
CHM 300	Chemistry	30	30		3.0
BUS 220	Health Care Management	45			3.0
Semester I Total		165	30		12.0
Semester II					
Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
SOC 325	Culture & Human Diversity	45			3.0
MTH 315	Statistical Concepts	45			3.0
PTA 315	Exercise Physiology	60			4.0
PTA 350	Evidence-based Practice for the PTA	60			4.0
Semester II Total		210			14.0
Semester III					
Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PHI 301	Critical Thinking	45			3.0
PTA 375	Patient Communication, Motivation, and Learning	45			3.0
PTA 415	Inpatient Care Practice or	60			4.0
PTA 420	Outpatient Care Practice				
HLT 360	Pharmacology for Rehab Clinicians	45			3.0
Semester III Total		195			13.0
Semester IV					
Course #	Course	Theory	Lab	Extern	Credits
PTA 435	Clinical Kinesiology	60			4.0
PTA 460	Practice Specific Rehabilitation	60			4.0
HLT 410	Pathophysiology	45			3.0
PTA 490	Professional Capstone	60			4.0
Semester IV Total		225			15.0
SEMESTERS I, II, III, & IV TOTALS		795	30	0	54.0
PROGRAM TOTALS		795	30	0	120.0

What You Will Learn

The Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (BSPTA) is an online bachelor's degree completion program offered by Pima Medical Institute. It prepares students to develop the advanced foundational, technical and evidence-based knowledge necessary to progress skills, enhance professionalism and apply critical thinking as physical therapist assistants. Students can choose between two tracks: outpatient or inpatient care.

The BSPTA program is specifically designed for physical therapist assistants who have graduated from a CAPTE-accredited associate degree program, and who are looking to further their education and achieve career goals.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of physical therapist assistants and aides is projected to grow 32 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the healthcare needs of an aging population and individuals with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity.*

Employment

A bachelor's degree provides a pathway for career advancement, with opportunities including promotion into leadership or management positions, full-time PTA instructor positions (state-dependent), certifications that require a bachelor's degree, higher education such as a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and more.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm> (visited December 21, 2021).



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