



# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

## CONCENTRATION

People who work in the physical therapy field enjoy a certain type of gratification, oftentimes helping patients recover from serious injuries. Whether it's back or neck issues, arthritis, or just simply pains and strains, the rewards of helping someone regain their mobility is great.

At ECPI University's College of Health Science, you could earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant in as little as 1.5 years through ECPI University's year-round program.

## Outcomes

### Student/Graduate Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA program will prepare graduates for entry-level practice as physical therapist assistants who will work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner.
- ▶ The PTA program will prepare graduates to demonstrate entry-level critical thinking skills to effectively address patient care situations and to adapt to the rapidly changing challenges in healthcare and physical therapist assistant responsibilities.

### Program Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA program will educate the students in cultural diversity, effective communication and professional behaviors.
- ▶ The PTA education program will facilitate participation in community service and lifelong learning activities.
- ▶ The PTA Program will provide a contemporary, comprehensive and evidence-based curriculum appropriate for an entry level physical therapist assistant.

### Program Faculty Level Goals:

- ▶ The PTA faculty will engage in on-going professional development related to enhancing knowledge of contemporary physical therapy practice, pedagogy, and service.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association at the following ECPI campuses: Newport News and Richmond/ Emerywood, Virginia. This is a programmatic accreditation by CAPTE, a specialized accreditation agency for qualified entry-level education programs for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. For more information, visit [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org).

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## Possible Career Settings

- ▶ Hospitals
- ▶ Extended Care Facilities
- ▶ Outpatient Clinics
- ▶ Fitness Centers
- ▶ Rehabilitation Facilities
- ▶ Occupational Environments
- ▶ Skilled Nursing Facilities
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Homes
- ▶ Sports Training Facilities

## CAPTE

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