2024-25 ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (APPTA)

Associate in Applied Science

This program offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate in Applied Science degree as a physical therapist assistant. PTAs use academic training, clinical education, critical thinking, and problem solving skills to implement and adjust therapeutic interventions based on a plan of care developed by the physical therapist. Students will learn how to:

- Assist physical therapists in providing services that help improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent disabilities for people of all ages.
- Assist physical therapists in implementing treatment programs and providing interventions.
- Communicate with the physical therapist and other members of the health care team regarding the patient's response to treatment and interventions.
- Properly document patient care.

Students will learn by practicing on fellow students and by applying theory and technical skills in clinic settings. Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to apply for Michigan licensure and take the National Physical Therapy Examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

This is a **high demand, high skill** and **high wage** program as defined by the Michigan Community College Network.

Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Washtenaw Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085.

Telephone: 703-706-3245
Email: accreditation@apta.org
CAPTE Website

Information about filing a complaint with CAPTE.

If needing to contact the program directly, please call 734-477-8775 or email PTA@wccnet.edu.

Financial Information

View the Program Financial Fact Sheet for the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Learn more about Financial Aid at Washtenaw Community College.

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