



Physical Therapist Assistant

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS)

PROGRAM HOURS: 77

The program consists of 5 semesters. Students accepted into the PTA program begin in the fall semester, complete their second semester in the spring, and finish their last semester in the summer. The clinical education portion of the program includes a series of three off-campus clinical education experiences.

- PTHA 232, Clinical Education I, is a 3-week affiliation at the end of the first fall semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 111 clinical hours.
- PTHA 250, Clinical Education II, is a 6-week affiliation in the third semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 222 clinical hours.
- PTHA 252, Clinical Education III, is a 6-week affiliation in the third semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 222 clinical hours.

Clinical affiliation sites and availability vary and are determined by each individual facility based on staffing, patient load and other factors that influence the facility's ability to provide the student with an optimum clinical experience. Every effort is made to place students in facilities that disrupt their domestic arrangements as little as possible, but the primary purpose of the clinical affiliation is to ensure that each student gains the variety of experience required to become a competent entry-level physical therapist assistant. Expenses, including gas, tolls, food, clothing and housing (if necessary), are the responsibility of the student.

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OFFERED IN
Beaver

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 **FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBLE**

New River Community and Technical College (New River CTC) is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. New River CTC is an equal opportunity institution.

New River CTC does not discriminate in its educational programs or in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, marital status, veteran or military status, disability, or genetic information or any other status or condition protected by applicable federal or state laws. The following office has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the College's non-discrimination policies relating to disabilities, sex, Title IX or other forms of discrimination: Peter Hoeman, Interim Dean of Student Services and Title IX Coordinator, 304-929-5027, phoeman@newriver.edu, 280 University Drive, Beaver, WV 25801. Additional information can be found on the College's website at www.newriver.edu/hondiscrimination.



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GENERAL ADMISSION

- New River CTC Application for Admission
- Official transcripts (all transcripts must be sent directly from the institution to New River CTC's Office of Admissions):
 - High school or TASC/GED scores
 - All other college transcripts

PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE ELIGIBILITY

- Admission to New River CTC, must be fully admitted through the Office of Admissions
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Have a combined GPA of 3.0 of required science courses
 - Applicants who do not meet this requirement must either challenge the exams for all required Biology courses, or retake the courses. Challenge exam score must achieve a minimum grade of a B, or higher, for that class.
 - Science courses have to be completed within the past five years
- Volunteer hours are not required for entry into the program. However, WV Invests may require volunteer hours to satisfy the grant conditions. More information can be found at <http://wvinvests.org/>
- Completion of 33 credit hours of general education courses. Students can apply to the program while completing their remaining pre-requisite courses. All pre-requisites **MUST** be completed by the June 1 deadline.

ENGL 101	Composition	3
BIOL 231	Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 233L	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
MATH 109	Algebra	3
MAST 105	Medical Terminology	3
COSC 101	Microsoft Office Applications	3

Total credit hours: 16

ENGL 102	Research	3
PSYC 103	General Psychology	3
BIOL 232	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 234L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL 205	Kinesiology	3
BIOL 206L	Kinesiology Lab	1
COMM 208	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3

Total credit hours: 17

SELECT ADMISSION APPLICATION PROCESS

After full admission to New River CTC

- Schedule an advising appointment with PTA Program faculty
- Submit the PTA Program Application
- Submit the PTA Program Application Checklist

A total of 20 students are admitted each fall semester. The 20 students admitted are based on the top scores of the rubric criteria form.

Please submit PTA application materials to PTA-Program@newriver.edu. The deadline to apply is June 1 (unless the 1st falls on a weekend; In that case, the application is due the prior Friday). All pre-requisites **MUST** be completed by the June 1 deadline. Admission files will only be reviewed in June and students will be notified of their admission status by July 1.

If not accepted, students may reapply to the program during the next admission cycle, but must complete an updated application. Students may also contact the Student Success Center to discuss other possible degree options.

NOTICE TO ALL PROSPECTIVE PTA STUDENTS: Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Effective July 13, 2021, New River Community and Technical College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (304) 929-5036 or email astrickland@newriver.edu. Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.