

# Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate in Applied Science Degree 2012-2013

Program Requirements..... 47  
General Education/MnTC ..... 22  
**TOTAL CREDITS.....69**

## PROGRAM INFORMATION:

This program prepares students for employment as a Physical Therapist Assistant, a health-care provider who, with the guidance of a physical therapist, performs a wide variety of functions as part of the health-care team. This field has been expanding in recent years and the employment outlook continues to be good in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home care, and outpatient facilities. In addition to class work in psychology, medical terminology, neuroanatomy and physiology, instrumentation and kinesiology for physical therapy and advanced physical therapy techniques, students gain "hands-on" experience through clinical practice at area health-care facilities. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) nationally accredits this program. For additional information about our PTA Program, visit our Web site at <http://www.AnokaRamsey.edu>.

## PROGRAM GOALS:

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. Demonstrate competent written and oral communication skills;
2. Perform all treatment procedures skillfully and safely;
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the normal structure and function of the human body and understand the physiological and psychological effects of disease and injury;
4. Demonstrate understanding of his/her professional role as a PTA and demonstrate awareness of ethical behavior, legal responsibility, and the PT/PTA professional relationship; and,
5. Recognize and appreciate diversity within society and the health-care profession.

## PROGRAM ADMISSION:

To apply for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program, submit the "Application for Physical Therapist Assistant Program" to the Records and Registration Office between January 1 and January 31 for the following fall. Application materials are available online. All PTA Program requirements are offered at the Coon Rapids campus.

## RELATED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Clinical facilities require students to maintain specific requirements to ensure personal and patient health and safety. Proof that these requirements are met must be furnished by the student. (See PTA Information Packet.)

## DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES:

Some students may need preparatory courses in English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.

## COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 and above.
- A minimum grade of C and a grade of "Pass" in clinical practices must be earned in all program courses.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all general education courses.
- A GPA of 2.0 or above must be earned each semester while in the program.
- All program requirements must be completed at ARCC.
- A minimum of 69 semester credits numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum of **20 semester credits** applied toward the degree must be taken from ARCC. This requirement may be reduced from **20 to 12 semester credits** for students transferring in at least **8 semester credits** from either another MnSCU college or the University of Minnesota.

**NOTE:** Students who fail to meet the sequence requirements, prerequisites, and academic achievement levels will be dropped from the program.

## Program Requirements:

**47 credits**

*The PTA Program Core course requirements are only offered at the Coon Rapids Campus.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 1102	Medical Terminology .....	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1010*	Clinical Practice I.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1020*	Musculoskeletal Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1030*	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant Theory .....	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1040*	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant Lab.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1050*	Modalities and Massage Theory .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1060*	Modalities and Massage Lab.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1070*	Therapeutic Exercise Theory.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1080	Therapeutic Exercise Lab .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1100	Communication & Documentation for the PTA Part I....	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 1110	Communication & Documentation for the PTA Part II..	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2000*	Musculoskeletal Disorders.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2010*	Neuroanatomy & Functional Rehabilitation Theory .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2015	Neuroanatomy & Functional Rehabilitation Lab.....	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2020*	Clinical Practice II.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2040*	Special Topics I.....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2050*	Special Topics II.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTAC 2060*	Clinical Practice III.....	3

\*Students must complete all General Education requirements prior to or during enrollment in PTAC 2060.

## General Education/MnTC Requirements:

**22 credits**

Complete a minimum of 22 credits from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) including the following:

<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 2113**	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 2114**	Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 1121*	College Writing and Critical Reading.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC 1110	General Psychology.....	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	CMST 1110	Intro to Communication Studies or OR CMST 2220 Interpersonal Communication .....	3
<input type="checkbox"/>		Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (Emphasis Area 6).....	3

\*\* BIOL 2113 and 2114 must be completed no more than five years prior to admission and must be completed prior to PTAC 1010 Clinical Practice I. Information on the competency exam for BIOL 1106 (a prerequisite for BIOL 2113) is available in the Advising Office.

♦ *Course has a prerequisite. Prerequisites are listed on the course schedule and in the ARCC Catalog Course Descriptions pages.*

**NOTE:** The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice. You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor, Cambridge Campus 763-433-1840 or Coon Rapids Campus 763-433-1240, for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation.

