

Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Applied Science Degree 2008-2009

Program Core Requirements	46
General Education /MnTC	22
Total Credits	68

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 kinesiology, medical terminology, neuroanatomy and physiology, modalities, massage, therapeutic exercise, 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. Applications are available in Counseling and Advising Services or the Records and Registration Offices on either campus. Application materials are also available online. Applications are accepted January 1–January 31.

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 Student Handbook.)

Developmental Courses: Some students may need preparatory courses in English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward the AS degree.

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The PTA Program Core course requirements are only offered at the Coon Rapids Campus.		Complete a minimum of 22 credits from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum <u>including the following</u> :	
PTAC 1100 Documentation & Communication for the PTA	1	BIOL 2113♦* Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 1102 Medical Terminology	2	BIOL 2114♦* Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PTAC 1010♦ Clinical Practice I	3	ENGL 1121♦ College Writing and Critical Reading	4
PTAC 1020♦ Musculoskeletal Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	PSYC 1110 General Psychology	4
PTAC 1030♦ Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant Theory	2	SPCH 1110 Introduction to Speech Communication OR SPCH 2220 Interpersonal Communications	3
PTAC 1040♦ Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant Lab	2	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (Area 6 – A, B, or C)	3
PTAC 1050♦ Modalities and Massage Theory	3	*BIOL 1106, 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. A placement test for BIOL 1106 (a prerequisite for BIOL 2113) may be arranged through the Biology Department.	
PTAC 1060♦ Modalities and Massage Lab	3	♦ <u>Course has a prerequisite.</u>	
PTAC 1070♦ Therapeutic Exercise Theory	2	Students who fail to meet the sequence requirements; prerequisites and academic achievement levels will be dropped from the program.	
PTAC 1080 Therapeutic Exercise Lab	3	Notes: (1) A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC. (2) A minimum grade of C and a grade of “Pass” in clinical practices must be earned in all Program Core courses. (3) A minimum grade of C must be earned in all general education courses. (4) A GPA of 2.0 or above must be earned <u>each</u> semester while in the program. (5) All Program Core requirements must be completed at ARCC. (6) A minimum of 67 semester credits numbered 1000 or above is required for graduation.	
PTAC 2000♦ Musculoskeletal Disorders	3		
PTAC 2010♦ Neuroanatomy and Functional Rehabilitation Theory	3		
PTAC 2015 Neuroanatomy and Functional Rehabilitation Lab	2		
PTAC 2020♦ Clinical Practice II	3		
PTAC 2040♦ Special Topics I	3		
PTAC 2050♦ Special Topics II	4		
PTAC 2060♦* Clinical Practice III	3		
*Students must complete all General Education requirements prior to or during enrollment in PTAC 2060.			

Program Sequence: The sequence that follows is suggested for full-time students. Part-time students will need more time to complete this program. Many students complete general education courses prior to admission to the PTA program.

<u>2008-2009</u>					<u>2008-2009</u>				
Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Session		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
PTAC 1100	1	BIOL 2114	4	PTAC 1010	3	PTAC 2000	3	PTAC 2040	3
BIOL 1102	2	PTAC 1050	3	Total	3	PTAC 2010	3	PTAC 2050	4
BIOL 2113	4	PTAC 1060	3			PTAC 2015	2	PTAC 2060	3
PTAC 1020	4	PTAC 1070	3			PTAC 2020	3	Total	10
PTAC 1030	2	PTAC 1080	2			Total	11		
PTAC 1040	2	Total	15						
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You are encouraged to contact a counselor or advisor, Cambridge Campus 763.433.1840 or Coon Rapids Campus 763.433.1230, for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation.

NOTE: The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.