

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

## CAREER PATHS

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## SALARY

\$49,180\*  
MEDIAN ANNUAL INCOME

## JOB GROWTH

2021-2031: 24%\*



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## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students for entry-level positions in a variety of clinical settings. Graduates will be prepared to take the National Physical Therapy Exam for Physical Therapist Assistants.

## READY. SET. WORK.

- Goal 1:** To prepare graduates to meet the professional and licensure requirements necessary to function as entry-level PTA's under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist in a variety of clinical settings.
- Goal 2:** To ensure that educators of the program, both didactic and clinical provide instruction and guidance that meets the needs of the students and the program.
- Goal 3:** To provide students with a curriculum and resources that are current and in compliance with standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), by the PA Physical Therapy state practice act, and by the institution.

Applicants are encouraged to arrange a campus visit and a personal information session with a Recruitment Advisor. Appointments may also be made to meet with appropriate faculty and current students.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Physical therapy is a very rewarding and diverse profession. Practicing physical therapist assistants have the option to work in a variety of settings, including: hospitals, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings, skilled nursing facilities, private practices, home health, and schools. PTAs can also teach in physical therapist assistant programs or if they choose, can further their education in a variety of related fields.

## SPECIAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Special admission requirements are necessary for acceptance into this program. Please see the program website for additional information.

[johnson.edu/divisions-of-study/health-sciences/physical-therapist-assistant](http://johnson.edu/divisions-of-study/health-sciences/physical-therapist-assistant)

## PROGRAM COURSES

CREDITS

### SEMESTER 1

Intro to Physical Therapy for the Physical Therapist Assistant	2
Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
English Composition I	3
Medical Terminology	1
General Psychology	3
First-Year Experience	1

### SEMESTER 2

Prosthetics Design	3
Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
Customer Service	3
or Introduction to Humanities	
Introduction to Statistics	3

### SEMESTER 3

Intro to Physical Therapy for the Physical Therapist Assistant*	2
Patient Care	2
Patient Care Lab	1
Physical Therapy Procedures	2
Physical Therapy Procedures Lab	1
Principles of Therapeutic Exercise	1
Principles of Therapeutic Exercise Lab	1
Pathophysiology	2
Applied Kinesiology	3
Applied Kinesiology Lab	1

### SEMESTER 4

Interventions in Musculoskeletal	3
Interventions in Musculoskeletal Lab	1
Interventions in Neurology	3
Interventions in Neurology Lab	1
Topics in Rehabilitation	3
Topics in Rehabilitation Lab	1
Clinical Experience I (40hrs/3wks)	2

### SUMMER SESSION I

Clinical Experience II (40hrs/6wks)	5
Professional Seminar	1

### SUMMER SESSION II

Clinical Experience III (40hrs/8wks)	6
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**MINIMUM CREDITS TO GRADUATE 67**

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\*For Spring enrolled students

This semester layout is based off of a fall start. Students who start in the spring will be required to attend an additional semester to complete their degree.

There may be special admission requirements for this program. Please speak with a Recruitment Advisor by calling **570-702-8856** or visit our website **johnson.edu** to review our requirements.