

# PA - PHYSICAL THERAPIST AIDE

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## PA101 Introduction to Physical Therapy Careers

Credits 2

**Registration Requirement:** Acceptance into the Physical Therapist Aide program.

This course is designed to introduce the profession of physical therapy. Foundational concepts will be discussed including the scope of physical therapy practice, career opportunities within the profession, and an introduction to fundamental physical therapy practices including infection control techniques, universal precautions, body mechanics, and safety procedures. Learners will also have the opportunity to contextualize their concurrent courses in the framework of physical therapy.

## PA102 Physical Therapist Aide Clinical Applications

Credit 1

**Registration Requirement:** RD090 and WR090, or IECC201R and IECC201W, or higher placement, and PA101, MO111, HE262, and BI231; each with a grade of "C" or higher. Co-requisite: WR121Z, PA111, PSY201, and BI232.

This course is designed to develop effective communication skills appropriate to the physical therapy workplace, including writing skills necessary for medical documentation. Learners will deepen their understanding of professional values, characteristics of effective healthcare teams, and will explore culture differences and biases which may influence interactions with others.

## PA103 Basic Principles of Physical Therapy Practice

Credits 2

**Registration Requirement:** PA102, PA111, BI232, and WR121Z; each with a grade of "C" or higher. Co-requisite: MTH058 and BI233.

This course is designed to provide foundational context in preparation for entry to the physical therapy profession. Practical concepts include introductory kinesiology, introduction to durable medical equipment, effective set up of physical modalities, and essential elements of equitable practices in healthcare. Learners will also have the opportunity to contextualize their past and concurrent courses in the framework of physical therapy.

## PA111 Physical Therapist Aide Clinical Affiliation

Credit 1

**Registration Requirement:** PA101, MO111, HE262, and BI231; each with a grade of "C" or higher. Co-requisite: PA102, WR121Z, PSY201, and BI232.

This course is designed to provide the clinical expertise necessary to work as a Physical Therapist Aide. This is a 30-hour clinical education experience in conjunction with a local physical therapy practice. The learner will spend time at a clinical site in the community working under direct supervision of a licensed clinician to learn, practice, and demonstrate competency in the Physical Therapist Aide position.