

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. PTAs help people of all ages who have medical problems, or other health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. Care provided by a PTA may include teaching patients/clients exercise for mobility, strength and coordination, training for activities such as walking with crutches, canes, or walkers, manual therapy, and the use of physical agents and electrotherapy such as ultrasound and electrical stimulation.

The national median income for a physical therapist assistant is \$64,739 depending on position, years of experience, degree of education, geographic location, and practice setting. In Connecticut, PTAs earn a median salary of \$69,529 according to salary.com (accessed: 5/1/2024).

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Today, PTAs provide health care services to patients of all ages and health conditions in a variety of settings, including:

- Outpatient clinics or offices
- Hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities
- Skilled nursing, extended care, or subacute facilities
- Homes, schools and hospices
- Education or research centers
- Industrial, workplace, or other occupational environments
- Fitness centers and sports training facilities

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM, LICENSURE AND ACCREDITATION

The Physical Therapist Assistant two-year associate in science degree program is designed to develop the competencies and knowledge required for entering the field of physical therapy.

Each campus program is individually accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), American Physical Therapy Association, 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website:<http://www.capteonline.org>.

Graduates are eligible to take the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination administered by The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. Graduates who pass this exam are eligible to apply for a license in the State of Connecticut or their respective state of practice.



CAMPUSES OFFERING PROGRAM

Naugatuck Valley

Norwalk

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Selective Admissions

Naugatuck Valley application period: **April 1 to August 1**

Norwalk application period: **October 1 to July 1**

Program start dates:

Naugatuck Valley: **Spring**

Norwalk: **Fall**

HOW MANY STUDENTS ACCEPTED EACH YEAR APPROXIMATELY

30 Naugatuck Valley

24 Norwalk

PROGRAM OUTCOMES AND EMPLOYMENT

Please see the CT State website for the individual campus program outcome data: ctstate.edu/pta

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook: bls.gov/ooh

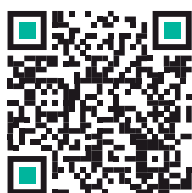
SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants are ranked according to:

TEAS	20%
General Biology	20%
Math	20%
Prerequisite PTA GPA of 2.5 or higher	40%

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE

Admission Requirement	Grade Requirement	Time Requirement
English Composition	C or higher	N/A
General Psychology	C or higher	N/A
Statistics	C or higher	N/A
General Biology	C+ or higher	N/A
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)	60% or higher	Within three years of application
Program GPA	2.5 or higher	Calculated using the four admissions requirement courses
Documented volunteer/observational experience totaling at least 20 hours in two different settings (inpatient and outpatient)	N/A	Contact the individual campus for specific requirements



LEARN MORE

TO APPLY

Scan the QR code or visit ctstate.elluciancrmrecruit.com/apply

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

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CCS 1001 – College and Career Success is a CT State Community College requirement and students must enroll within their first nine credits. This is not a complete guide for admission requirements. Courses may require prerequisites. For detailed information about the admissions process and the application requirements, visit the campus program website.

Note: Information on this sheet is subject to change. If you do not intend to apply to the Physical Therapy Assistant program for the 2025-2026 academic year, please obtain an updated fact sheet the year you apply.

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