



Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant

Take your career as a physical therapist assistant to the next level by earning your bachelor's degree. Gain additional knowledge and skills you need to help you excel as a physical therapist assistant.

Students who have graduated from a physical therapist assistant associate degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education are eligible for Pima Medical Institute's Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (BSPTA) degree completion program.

The BSPTA program is offered online, providing you with a flexible learning schedule. That means you can advance your career while balancing your personal and professional obligations.



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| | Theory | Lab | Extern | Credits | |
|---|---|------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Transfer of Credit (15 general education, 39 PTA, 12 related credits) | | | | 66.0 | |
| Transfer Totals | | | | 66.0 | |
| Semester I | | | | | |
| Course # | Course | Theory | Lab | Extern | Credits |
| ENG 310 | Technical Writing | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| CPT 301 | Microcomputer Applications | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| CHM 300 | Chemistry | 30 | 30 | | 3.0 |
| BUS 220 | Health Care Management | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| Semester I Total | | 165 | 30 | | 12.0 |
| Semester II | | | | | |
| Course # | Course | Theory | Lab | Extern | Credits |
| SOC 325 | Culture & Human Diversity | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| MTH 315 | Statistical Concepts | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| PTA 315 | Exercise Physiology | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| PTA 350 | Evidence-based Practice for the PTA | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| Semester II Total | | 210 | | | 14.0 |
| Semester III | | | | | |
| Course # | Course | Theory | Lab | Extern | Credits |
| PHI 301 | Critical Thinking | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| PTA 375 | Patient Communication, Motivation, and Learning | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| PTA 415 | Inpatient Care Practice or | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| PTA 420 | Outpatient Care Practice | | | | |
| HLT 360 | Pharmacology for Rehab Clinicians | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| Semester III Total | | 195 | | | 13.0 |
| Semester IV | | | | | |
| Course # | Course | Theory | Lab | Extern | Credits |
| PTA 435 | Clinical Kinesiology | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| PTA 460 | Practice Specific Rehabilitation | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| HLT 410 | Pathophysiology | 45 | | | 3.0 |
| PTA 490 | Professional Capstone | 60 | | | 4.0 |
| Semester IV Total | | 225 | | | 15.0 |
| SEMESTERS I, II, III, & IV TOTALS | | 795 | 30 | 0 | 54.0 |
| PROGRAM TOTALS | | 795 | 30 | 0 | 120.0 |

What You Will Learn

The Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (BSPTA) is an online bachelor's degree completion program offered by Pima Medical Institute. It prepares students to develop the advanced foundational, technical and evidence-based knowledge necessary to progress skills, enhance professionalism and apply critical thinking as physical therapist assistants. Students can choose between two tracks: outpatient or inpatient care.

The BSPTA program is specifically designed for physical therapist assistants who have graduated from a CAPTE-accredited associate degree program, and who are looking to further their education and achieve career goals.

Job Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of physical therapist assistants and aides is projected to grow 32 percent from 2020 to 2030, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the healthcare needs of an aging population and individuals with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity.*

Employment

A bachelor's degree provides a pathway for career advancement, with opportunities including promotion into leadership or management positions, full-time PTA instructor positions (state-dependent), certifications that require a bachelor's degree, higher education such as a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and more.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapist Assistants and Aides, on the Internet at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm> (visited October 05, 2021).



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