



Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant (BSPTA)



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16-Month Program



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Pima Medical Institute's Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant is a degree completion program intended to instill in current Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) the advanced foundational, technical, and evidence-based knowledge necessary to progress skills, enhance professionalism and apply critical thinking beyond the associate degree level for PTAs. The BSPTA program follows a philosophy that an upwardly transitioning education for PTAs better meets graduate, employer and societal needs.

Students will:

- Prepare for the next step in their career whether it be **certifications, teaching, management, business ownership** or application to a higher education program including DPT.
- Focus on **furthering PTA technical skills** with advanced use and understanding of evidence-based treatment.
- **Integrate management and leadership skills** to expand roles in the health care setting.
- **Gain advanced knowledge of technology** and its use in physical therapy.

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Student Outcomes

Program Focuses

- Demonstrate advanced clinical skills through the analysis and implementation of evidence-based practice
- Apply health care theories, models and tools to complex problems in physical therapy practice
- Employ critical thinking and problem-solving skills to formulate advanced clinical judgments
- Analyze political, social and ethical issues that affect the physical therapy profession and health care as a whole
- Develop an advanced understanding of topics such as evidence-based practice, pharmacology, management and practice-specific rehabilitation
- Choose between an inpatient and outpatient curriculum track

Professional Outcomes

- Create a professional portfolio supported by a Capstone Project and other BSPTA accomplishments that will ready you for your next career goal
- Increase your patient advocacy skills
- Develop higher-level communication skills in a variety of physical therapy-related roles such as patient care, management and advocacy

Program Curriculum

Course	Credits
Semester I (16 Weeks)	
Advanced College Writing	3.0
Microcomputer Applications	3.0
Pharmacology for Rehab Clinicians	3.0
Health Care Management	3.0
Semester II (16 Weeks)	
Culture and Human Diversity	3.0
Statistical Concepts	3.0
Exercise Physiology	4.0
Evidence-Based Practice for the PTA	4.0
Semester III (16 Weeks)	
Critical Thinking	3.0
Patient Communication, Motivation, and Learning	3.0
Inpatient Care Practice or Outpatient Care Practice	4.0
Chemistry	3.0
Semester IV (16 Weeks)	
Clinical Kinesiology	4.0
Practice Specific Rehabilitation	4.0
Pathophysiology	3.0
Professional Capstone	4.0
Transfer of Credit Requirement (15 general education, 39 PTA, 12 related credits)	66.0
Semesters I - IV Totals	54.0
Program Total with Block Transfer	120.0



Why Choose Pima Medical Institute?

Since we opened our doors in Tucson, Ariz. back in 1972, Pima Medical has been focused on our mission to improve the quality of people's lives by providing the best value in medical career education. 50 years later, we remain focused on a student-centered approach to education. Our experienced faculty and staff work to provide for our students, creating a qualified generation of health care employees who make immediate impact in the communities they serve.

As a Pima Medical student, you will have access to resources including:



Academic Support



Writing Center



Mental Health Counseling



Career Services



Financial Services



Help Desk Support

Life as an Online Student

Pima Medical's BSPTA program is composed exclusively of online classes, allowing you the flexibility to balance your personal and professional commitments while completing your education.

During your time as an online student, you will:

- Receive personalized attention from expert faculty
- Interact with peers and faculty from all over the country in a collaborative format
- Experience learning with a multimedia approach, including videos, podcasts, knowledge checks, instructor experience and artificial intelligence
- Have the flexibility to complete your coursework when convenient, while also relying on a logical course structure with due dates
- Have access to the Pima Medical community when you need assistance



"Pima Medical helped me grow as a professional. I learned about the importance of innovation and deepened my research knowledge, helping me to project myself in completely new work areas. I have learned to generate better rehabilitation processes and to communicate on a higher level with other health professionals involved in a case. Pima Medical has helped me tremendously in my work field, but it has also pushed me for a better future."

-Nosleidy Ramirez Barzaga, Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapist Assistant graduate



Admissions Requirements

Applicants to this degree program must meet the following requirements:

- Have graduated from a physical therapist assistant (PTA) program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Have completed a total of 66 semester credits of specific coursework at the postsecondary level
 - > The 66 transfer credits shall consist of 15 general education, 39 PTA and 12 related credits
- Transfer credits into this program must meet the following conditions:
 - > Awarded by a nationally or regionally accredited institution; grade of “C” or better; and numbered 100 and above
 - > General education transfer credits are required to be from a broad sampling of various educational experiences, including arts and humanities, business, information systems, social sciences or natural sciences
- Licensure/certification as a PTA in a state within the United States is required prior to taking courses in semesters three and four (Note: CAPTE does not accredit degree completion programs)
- See additional Admissions and Transfer Credit requirements in the Prospective Students section of the college catalog

The Enrollment Process

