Physical Therapist Assistant

(AAS.PTA) Associate in Applied Science Degree

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a skilled health employee working under the supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist to provide direct care to patients in a variety of health care settings. The professional care given by the Physical Therapist Assistant focuses on patients of all ages with temporary or permanent functional limitations due to illness, disease or injury. The PTA works closely with patients to restore function, prevent or relieve pain, prevent disability and restore physical coordination, strength and mobility through therapeutic exercise and the application of modalities.

Housed at the Lake Land College Kluthe Center in Effingham, Illinois, the Physical Therapist Assistant program is a five consecutive semester program which includes classroom, skills laboratory and clinical experience in various healthcare facilities. Once admitted to the program, the student must progress through the courses corresponding to the curriculum model. A "C" grade is required in all PTA curriculum courses for progression/completion. The PTA Program at Lake Land College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org The PTA Program was initially granted accreditation in 1994, and has been granted reaccreditation in 1999 and 2008. The next reaccreditation site visit is scheduled for 2018. Students who have successfully completed the program will be allowed to sit for the National Board Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants.

Physical Therapist Assistant application requirements include admission to Lake Land College; completion of the PTA Program application form (obtained from the PTA website); completion of the COMPASS assessment tests (PTA applicants are eligible to take the COMPASS tests more than twice); and completion of the one (1) Biology prerequisite course (one year high school biology/zoology/A & P, or Lake Land College Basic Anatomy and Physiology (BIO 050) or Bio Science I (BIO 100) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 225) or Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 226) or equivalent) with a "C" or better within the past five (5) years. It is the responsibility of students to see that their application file is completed by March 1 for consideration for the fall semester. In addition to tuition and fees, costs for the Physical Therapist Assistant program students include: physical examination and immunization, workbooks, criminal background check, drug testing, clinical attire, transportation to clinical experiences (attempts will be made to keep travel distance no greater than 75 miles one way or 1.5 hours) and the board exam/license fee.

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Download the PTA Selection Process Sheet and Checklist for complete application procedure, scoring rubric and application procedure from the college website.

See career track program Physical Therapist Assistant Track (AAS.PTA.TRK) when selecting a major.

Lake Land College has cooperative agreements in place with Parkland College, Richland Community College and Danville Area Community College.

Program requirements may change over time. Specific degree/graduation requirements are determined by the students' degree audit.

Lake Land Partnerships

FIRST YEAR

First Semester			Hours
☐	PTA 080	Fundamentals of PTA I * †	4
☐	PTA 081	PTA Clinical Practicum I * †	1
☐	ENG 120	Composition I	3
☐	BIO 225	Human Anatomy and Physiology I *	4
☐	PHY 110	Concepts of Physics	4
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**16**

Second Semester			
☐	PTA 082	Fundamentals of PTA II * †††	6
☐	BIO 226	Human Anatomy and Physiology II *	4
☐	PED 244	Kinesiology *	4
☐	PSY 271	Introduction to Psychology	3
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**17**

Summer Term			
☐	PTA 085	PTA Clinical Practicum III * [1]	3
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**3**

SECOND YEAR

First Semester			
☐	PTA 094	Fundamentals of PTA III * †	6
☐	PTA 095	Orthopedic Concepts and Applications * †	4
☐	PTA 097	PTA Clinical Practicum IV * †	2
☐	HED 178	Responding to Emergencies	2
☐	SPE 111	Introduction to Speech Communication	3
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**17**

Second Semester			
☐	PTA 096	Fundamentals of PTA IV * †††	5
☐	PTA 093	Pathology for PTA * †††	2
☐	PTA 098	PTA Seminar * †††	2
☐	PTA 099	PTA Clinical Practicum V * †††	4
☐	PSY 275	Psychology of Maturity and Old Age	3
		SEMESTER TOTALS	**16**

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 69

* There are prerequisites, course requisites or minimum placement test scores for this course
† Course only offered fall semester
††† Course only offered spring semester
[1] Course offered in summer term only