Purpose Prepare the graduate to qualify for the National Physical Therapy Examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and practice as an entry-level, licensed physical therapist assistant (PTA).

Learning Outcomes Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program learning outcomes are defined by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Program graduates must demonstrate broad, integrative and specialized knowledge, technical and communication skills, and behavior and conduct consistent with entry-level PTA practice. Learning outcomes have a strong emphasis on safely and effectively implementing a plan of care under the direction of a supervising physical therapist. PTAs work under the direction of the supervising physical therapist in helping clients (individuals, families or communities) promote health and recovery from acute or chronic neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, and integument injury or disease.

The graduate:
- communicates verbally and non-verbally with the patient, the physical therapist, health care delivery personnel, and others in an effective, appropriate, and capable manner.
- recognizes individual and cultural differences and responds appropriately in all aspects of physical therapy services.
- exhibits conduct that reflects a commitment to meet the expectations of the members of the profession of physical therapy and members of society receiving health care services.
- exhibits conduct that reflects safe practice standards that are legal, ethical and safe.
- communicates an understanding of the plan of care developed by the physical therapist to achieve short and long term goals and intended outcomes.
- demonstrates competence in implementing selected components of interventions identified in the plan of care established by the physical therapist, including functional training, infection control, manual therapy, physical and mechanical agents, therapeutic exercise, and wound management.
- demonstrates competency in performing components of data collection skills essential for carrying out the plan of care, including tests and measures for aerobic capacity, pain, cognition, assistive and prosthetic devices, joint motion, muscle performance, neuromotor development, posture, self-care and home/community management, ventilation, respiration, and circulation.
- recognizes and initiates clarifications with the supervising physical therapist when indicated.
- adjusts treatment interventions within the plan of care to optimize patient safety, progress, and comfort; reports outcomes to the supervising physical therapist.
- instructs and educates patients, family members, and caregivers as directed by the supervising physical therapist.
- instructs members of the health care team as directed by the supervising physical therapist, using appropriate instructional materials and approaches.
- demonstrates a commitment to meeting the needs of the patients and consumers.
- interacts with other members of the health care team in patient care and non-patient care activities.
- provides accurate and timely information for billing and reimbursement purposes.
- participates in quality assurance activities.
- demonstrates an awareness of social responsibility, citizenship and advocacy, including participation in community and service organizations and activities.
- identifies career and lifelong learning opportunities.

Job Openings Projected through 2022
Lane County openings - 2 annually
Statewide openings - 34 annually

Wages
Lane County median hourly - $30.22; average annual - $62,850
Oregon median hourly - $26.31; average annual - $54,727

Costs (Estimate based on 2014-15 tuition and fees. Consult Lane’s website for updated tuition and fees for prerequisite and program courses. Prerequisite costs will vary for transfer students.)
Resident Tuition .......................................................... $9,300
Differential Fees* ........................................................ $1,463
Student and Program Fees ........................................... $1,498
Other Program Costs .................................................. $3,709
Total estimate $15,970

*This is the total of all the differential fees attached to Physical Therapist Assistant courses. These fees and other course fees may change during the year - see the online credit class schedule for fees assigned to courses.

More Cost Information Cooperative education courses will have additional costs for room and board, parking, and transportation to and from co-op sites. Students are responsible for costs associated with national examination and licensing.

Program Accreditation The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Lane Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone: 703.706.3245; e-mail accreditation@apta.org; website: capteonline.org.

Licensing or Other Certification Graduates are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination during fixed date testing.

Admission Information Students are admitted once a year. Admission is restricted and is based on a program application. Please consult lanecc.edu/hp/pta/.

Academic Advising/Counseling Registration in on-line (Moodle) Academic Advising for Physical Therapist Assistant is highly recommended. Drop-in advising is available in Building 1, Room 103. E-mail ptaprogram@lanecc.edu

Cooperative Education (Co-op) Co-op is required for second year students enrolled in the PhysicalTherapist Assistant Program. Students must complete 18 credits of Co-op a program-designated co-op site. Contact Beth Thorpe, PTA Cooperative Education Coordinator, Bldg. 30, Rm. 108, 541.463.3274, thorpeb@lanecc.edu.
Program Coordinator

Christina Howard, MPT, Health Professions, Building 30, Room 110, 541.463.5764, howardc@lanecc.edu

Course Requirements

1. Prerequisites are required for some courses. See course descriptions.
2. All PTA courses must be completed with a letter grade of “C” or better to satisfy program requirements.
3. Non-PTA courses must be passed with a grade of “Pass” or “C” or better to satisfy program requirements.
4. No more than 16 credits with a grade of “Pass” are accepted.

Prerequisites Required to Apply

Proof of clinical observation hours with a PT or PTA

Choice of:

WR 121 Introduction to Academic Writing
WR121_H Introduction Academic Writing
WR 122 Composition: Argument, Style, and Research
WR 123 Composition: Research, or higher writing, or prior bachelor’s degree, verified by transcript from US accredited institution
HS 100 Medical Terminology
HO 150 Human Body Systems
BI 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology

Choice of:

GS 104 Physical Science
PH 101 Fundamentals of Physics
PH 102 Fundamentals of Physics
PH 201 General Physics

Choice of:

HO 152 Human Body Systems
BI 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology

Total Credits 17-20

Two-Year Associate of Applied Science Degree

First Year

Fall
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy ............... 3
PTA 101 Introduction to Clinical Practice 1 ............ 5
PTA 101L Introduction to Clinical Practice 1 Lab ....... 2
MTH 065 Elementary Algebra ............................. 4

Choice of:

HO 152 Human Body Systems 2
BI 233 Human Anatomy and Physiology 3

**Note: Either HO 152 or BI 232 and BI 233 must be completed by fall term

Total Credits 17-18

Winter

PTA 103 Introduction to Clinical Practice 2 ............. 5
PTA 103L Introduction to Clinical Practice 2 Lab ...... 2
PTA 132 Applied Kinesiology 1 ........................... 2
PTA 132L Applied Kinesiology 1 Lab ................... 2
COMM 115 Introduction to Intercultural Communication ...

Total Credits 15

Spring

HE 262 First Aid 2 - Beyond the Basics .................. 3
PTA 104 PT Interventions – Orthopedic Dysfunctions .... 5
PTA 104L PT Interventions – Orthopedic Dysfunctions Lab .................................................. 2
PTA 133 Applied Kinesiology 2 ............................. 2
PTA 133L Applied Kinesiology 2 Lab ..................... 2

Total Credits 14

Second Year

Fall
PTA 204 PT Interventions – Neurological Dysfunctions .......................................................... 5
PTA 204L PT Interventions – Neurological Dysfunctions Lab .................................................. 2
PTA 280A Co-op Ed: First Clinical Internship .............. 4-8

Total Credits 11-15

Winter

PTA 205 PT Interventions – Complex Medical Dysfunctions .................................................. 4
PTA 205L PT Interventions – Complex Medical Dysfunctions Lab ............................................ 2
PTA 201 PT and Older Adults ................................. 2
PTA 280B Co-op Ed: Second Clinical Internship .......... 4-8

Total Credits 12-16

Spring

PTA 200 Professionalism, Ethics and Exam Preparation ............................................................. 4
PTA 203 Contemporary Topics in Physical Therapy ...... 2
PTA 280C Co-op Ed: Third Clinical Internship .......... 4-8

Total Credits 10-14

Academic Advising Online

Free online resources are available for ALL majors! moodle

On lanecc.edu, choose the Moodle button. Select Academic Advising, find your specific major, and follow the instructions to Login or select Login as a Guest.

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