

Physical Therapist Assistant

(with Berkshire Community College and Mt. Wachusett Community College)

THE DEGREE: Associate in Science

THE PROGRAM: prepares a health care provider who works under the supervision of a physical therapist. Physical therapy methods and treatment techniques include massage, therapeutic exercise, gait training, heat and cold application, use of assistive, prosthetic, orthotic and electrical devices.

YOUR NEXT STEP: enroll at Berkshire Community College (BCC) or Mount Wachusett Community College (MWCC) to take the technical courses. The program at BCC and MWCC includes four sequential semesters of technical courses plus a summer session. Graduates of the PTA program are eligible to take the licensing examination to become registered PTAs. PTAs are employed in hospitals, nursing homes, school systems, private practices, rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, and sports medicine clinics.

REQUIRED COURSES THAT CAN BE TAKEN AT GCC FOR THE BCC PROGRAM CREDITS

ADM 122 Introduction to Medical Terminology	3
BIO 195 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 196 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENG 101, 103, or 105 English Composition I	3
ENG 112, 114, or 116 English Composition II	3
Behavioral Science Elective: PSY 101 or SOC 101	3
Liberal Arts Elective – any C coded course ①	3
PCS 101 or PCS 121 or PCS 141 Personal Communication Skills	3

TOTAL 26

① Students should contact the BCC program coordinator early on to select Liberal Arts Elective.

Students should consult with BCC advisor concerning math placement testing/math coursework and application to BCC and the PTA program.

BIO 195,196 should be no more than 5 years old.

REQUIRED COURSES THAT MUST BE TAKEN AT BCC

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AHS 230 Pathophysiology	3
PHY 111 The Ideas of Physics	3
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
PTA 101 Physical Therapist Assistant I	4
PTA 102 Structural Anatomy	3
PTA 115 Functional Anatomy	3
PTA 150 Clinical Education I	2
PTA 200 Rehab Neurology	3
PTA 201 Physical Therapist Assistant II	2
PTA 202 Therapeutic Exercise	4
PTA 203 PTA Seminar	3
PTA 250 Clinical Education II	4
PTA 260 Clinical Education III	4

TOTAL 40

The sequence of PTA courses is offered every other year, with classes beginning in the Fall ('09,'11).

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