

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Department of Allied Health, Mental Health and Human Services



Physical therapy is a health profession which involves the physical rehabilitation of people who have disabling conditions, either temporary or permanent. These conditions may include sports injuries, fractures, chronic pain, strokes, cerebral palsy, and spinal cord injuries. Physical therapy uses biophysical agents such as light, sound, electricity, water, and air as well as exercise and other interventions to treat and prevent pathologies of the musculoskeletal and neuromuscular systems.

Guided by the physical therapist's plan of care, the physical therapist assistant may use specialized equipment and techniques to administer treatments to accomplish the therapist generated rehabilitation goals. The PTA may also administer therapeutic exercises, ambulation training, and train patients in the use of artificial limbs, braces, and various aids to maximize function and facilitate the rehabilitation process. Physical therapy is a rewarding and critical part of medical care. The physical therapist assistant plays a crucial role in providing care.

Pathway to PTA Program Admissions

- 1. Maintain minimum GPA of 2.8/4
- 2. Complete a minimum of 25 hours of documented observation in a physical therapy setting
- 3. Minimum 500-word essay on assigned topic
- *4. Letter of recommendation from a physical therapist*
- 5. Personal Interview (finalists only)

6. All finalists must sit for the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to the interview. https://www.atitesting.com/teas/examdetails

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredits Kingsborough's PTA program. Therefore, program graduates are eligible for licensing in any state within the United States. The program affiliates with many clinical sites including private clinics, nursing homes and hospitals in Brooklyn, the other boroughs and Nassau County. The campus has a large laboratory fully equipped with up-to-date physical therapy equipment found in a variety of settings. The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Kingsborough Community College is to: develop well qualified entry level physical therapist assistants who reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of the community which the college serves and who function under the supervision of the physical therapist in a variety of physical therapy settings.

Physical Therapist Assistant Program C <u>Fall Semester</u> (Prerequisite Semester) Bio 11 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I English 12 – Freshman English 1 Math 20 – Elements of Statistics or 2010 PSY 11- Introduction to Psychology	urriculum 4 credits 3 credits 3 credits 3 credits 3 credits	Average Number of ApplicantsProgram Faculty Steven B. Skinner, PT, MS, EdD Director 718-368-4818
Spring Semester (First Semester Technical Co PTA 10 – Introductory to Physical Therapy PTA 1 – Foundations of Physical Therapy I PTA 2 – Kinesiology and Applied Anatomy PTA 20 - Pathology		Average Number of FinalistsChristina McVey, PT, MA Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education 718-368-5727 Lora John – Wells, PTA,
<u>Summer Module</u> PTA 3 – Foundations of Physical Therapy II	3 credits	Max. Class Size
<u>Fall Semester</u> PTA 4 – Modalities and Procedures I PTA 5 – Therapeutic Exercise BIO 12 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II	5 credits 5 credits 4 credits	Graduation RateDedicated to your success!
<u>Winter Module</u> PTA 6 – Clinical Practicum I	3 credits	License Exam Pass Rate
<u>Spring Semester</u> PTA 7 – Modalities and Procedures II PTA 8 - Selected Topics	4 credits 5 credits	100% Employment Rate!
PTA 25 – Interactions in the Clinic English 24 – Freshman English II SPE 21 – Effective Public Speaking	3 credits 3 credits 3 credits	Physical Therapist Assistant Earnings Data%-tile10th25th50th75th90th
Summer Module PTA 9 – Clinical Practicum II	3 credits	Hourly Wage\$20.24\$27.16\$30.81\$36.83\$42.71Annual Wage\$42,110\$56,490\$64,080\$76,610\$88,830