

Physical Therapist Assistant (1 + 1) (Collaborative Program) **FALL 2009**

[A45640] Associate in Applied Science Degree (Day & Evening)

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. Assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department.

Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout the life span.

Graduates may be eligible to take the licensure examination administered by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Employment is available in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, specialty hospitals, home health agencies, private clinics and public school systems.

This program is a collaborative effort between Randolph Community College and Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC). Guilford Technical Community College is the "host" college. This agreement allows for RCC to have one student slot every odd year. RCC students will take all general education requirements on the RCC campus and will transfer to Guilford Technical Community College for all major courses and completion of the program.

COMPETENCIES (per Guilford Technical Community College)

These are the skills students will develop as they progress through this program.

1. Perform/assist with patient treatment and education;
2. Assess patient's status per established plan of care;
3. Solve problems;
4. Communicate effectively;
5. Demonstrate professional skills;
6. Perform administrative duties;
7. Manage emergency situations.

GENERAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AT RCC:

Applicants for admission to Randolph Community College must be 18 years of age or high school graduates. The College will accept students with a high school equivalency diploma. A high school diploma or the equivalent is required of all applicants enrolling in curriculum courses. Persons intending to enroll in a specific curriculum are encouraged to submit their applications at least two months prior to the term in which they wish to enroll. Applicants are not admitted into specific curriculum programs, and thus, not eligible for financial aid until admission requirements are met (i.e. transcripts, testing, etc.). Applications can be obtained from high school counselors and from Student Services.

IN ORDER TO ENROLL, THE STUDENT SHOULD

- complete an RCC application,
- provide official copies of high school transcript and/or GED test scores and all college transcripts,*
- call (336) 633-0224 to discuss placement testing,
- meet with someone in RCC's financial aid office if necessary, (336) 633-0205,
- meet with your faculty advisor (during specified registration period),
- register and pay for classes (during specified registration period).

*Applicants who are high school graduates should request a copy of their high school transcript. In cases where the last six weeks' work is not completed, a supplemental transcript should be forwarded to the College after the student's graduation. GED graduates must submit official copies of their GED test scores. Students transferring from other colleges or post-high school institutions must submit official transcripts from all such institutions attended. For transcript release forms, call Student Services, (336) 633-0224. Transcripts are not official unless they are sent directly from the high school or college attended.



ACCREDITATION

The GTCC Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

LICENSURE

Students who successfully complete the requirements for the Physical Therapist Assistant program of study at GTCC may be eligible to sit for the national licensure exam for physical therapist assistants.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN PROGRAM AT GTCC:

Students who apply for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program must meet the admission requirements specific to the program established by GTCC. For more information, contact Student Services at RCC, (336) 633-0224; or the Health Occupations Department, (336) 633-0264. Visit the GTCC website (www.gtcc.edu) for details regarding this program.

FACULTY ADVISOR

For more information please call (336) 633-0315.

REQUIRED COURSES - DEGREE (Day & Evening at RCC)

Courses that may be completed at Randolph Community College.

		Hours/Week		Sem. Hrs.
		Class	Lab	Credit
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	3	4
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	3	4
COM 110	Introduction to Communication	3	0	3
ENG 111	Expository Writing	3	0	3
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3	0	3
PSY 150	General Psychology	3	0	3
--	Humanities/Fine Arts Course	3	0	3

Courses that must be completed at Guilford Technical Community College.

PHY 110	Conceptual Physics	3	0	3
PHY 110A	Conceptual Physics Lab	0	2	1
PSY 241	Developmental Psychology	3	0	3
PTA 110	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2	3	3
PTA 125	Gross & Functional Anatomy	3	6	5
PTA 135	Pathology	4	0	4
PTA 145	Therapeutic Procedures	2	6	4
PTA 155	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical I	0	6	2
PTA 185	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical II	0	9	3
PTA 212	Health Care/Resources	2	0	2
PTA 215	Therapeutic Exercise	2	3	3
PTA 222	Professional Interactions	2	0	2
PTA 225	Introduction to Rehabilitation	3	3	4
PTA 235	Neurological Rehabilitation	3	6	5
PTA 245	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical III	0	12	4
PTA 255	Physical Therapist Assistant Clinical IV	0	12	4

Students must demonstrate math and computer proficiency at the following course level prior to graduation: MAT 110 or MAT 115 and CIS 110.

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT: 75

Visit RCC's website: www.randolph.edu
An application for admission is available to be downloaded from the web