

# ATLANTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## Physical Therapy Pathways

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) are licensed to work with patients and administer physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of licensed physical therapists. The duties of PTAs include implementing the plan of care and performing interventions using heat, cold, electricity, ultrasound, water, massage, therapeutic exercise, gait training, balance and coordination, and functional activities. The program combines general education, health core curriculum, and specific occupational courses and clinical experience over five semesters of continuous full-time study. In addition to half-day clinical observations and laboratory experiences off campus, students will attend three full-time clinical experiences: two 4-week rotations and one 7-week rotation. Students are wholly responsible for all transportation to and from clinical facilities and are financially responsible for their clinical uniforms and laboratory clothing. The program is offered on a full-time basis during daytime hours. There is no online option. The program admits 12 – 15 students once a year, with an application deadline of May 1st annually. Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree (AAS). Upon completion of the degree requirements, graduates of this program are eligible to sit for the state-administered National Physical Therapy Exam [NPTE]. Georgia requires licensure to be eligible for employment as a physical therapist assistant. The number of jobs in this field are projected to grow by 33% nationally and 45% in the State of Georgia over the next ten years.

Once admitted, students must maintain current CPR certifications in Basic Life Support of Infant, Child & Adult, and student membership with the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) each year in the program. Students must also submit physical examination records clearing them for participation in the program, all immunization records including an annual TB test, undergo a criminal background check, and drug screening.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Atlanta Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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\*All job growth projections and estimated salaries are based on data from Emsi (Economic Modeling Specialists Inc) and are updated annually.

### Physical Therapy Assistant Associate's Degree

5 Semesters  
21 Classes

Careers: Physical Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapist Aides

Estimated Starting Salaries at \$45,000/year

### Program Outcomes

2020  
graduation rate - 92.85%  
licensure pass rate - 84.61%  
employment rate - 100%

2019  
graduation rate - 85.71%  
licensure pass rate - 77.78%  
employment rate - 100%

2018  
graduation rate - 78.6%  
licensure pass rate - 100%  
employment rate - 100%

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