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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Sports medicine clinics
- Pediatric facilities (including schools)
- General orthopedic facilities
- Home care

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Graduates may choose to continue their education by earning a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science or related fields and go on to pursue a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

IT'S A FACT:

Nearly 72% of Washington State College of Ohio students receive financial aid.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM:

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) are specially trained health care professionals who work under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist (PT). Through collaboration with the PT, the PTA is responsible for implementing treatment plans that are designed to manage pain, improve mobility, prevent disability, restore function, improve health, and promote a high quality of life. PTAs work with patients of all ages and interact daily with not only patients and patients' families, but also with other professionals including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and respiratory therapists.

Excellent communication skills are essential to becoming a successful PTA. Having the desire to help people regain their previous function as well as having empathy for their conditions are characteristics that will allow one to succeed in this profession. Further, these characteristics will provide job satisfaction and ensure a long career as a PTA.

The PTA Program at Washington State is a 1+1 program that consists of 1 year of General Education (2 semesters) and 1 year of Technical and Clinical Education (3 semesters). The Technical phase begins each fall semester and students complete the program in July of their second year. Graduates of the program must sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam. If the student decides to work in Ohio, a state laws exam also must be taken to be eligible for employment. Students must have graduated from a Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accredited program to be eligible to sit for the exam.

CAREER SKILLS:

As a PTA student at Washington State College of Ohio, one will acquire and master certain skills necessary to become an entry-level physical therapist assistant.

During the coursework, students will acquire:

- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of physiologic conditions associated with certain populations
- Knowledge and understanding of neurological and musculoskeletal dysfunctions
- Detailed knowledge of anatomy
- Critical thinking skills
- Skills, through practice, to perform interventions such as:
 - Ultrasound
 - Wound Care
 - Hot/Cold pack application
 - Soft Tissue Mobilization
 - Electrical stimulation
 - Compression Therapies
 - Mechanical Traction
 - Therapeutic Exercise
- Gait training skills and use of assistive ambulation devices.
- Joint range of motion and manual muscle testing.

Admission to the Program

Admission to the program is selective and competitive. Only the top 20 students will be accepted into a class. The entrance requirements below **must be** completed, in full, before a student will be considered for admission to the program. The deadline for application is typically in the Summer for admission into the following Fall class.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Completion of the General Education Courses with a minimum grade of "C" or better.
2. BIOL 2310, BIOL 231L, BIOL 2320, BIOL 232L must be completed within the last 5 years
3. PTAT 1020 must be completed within the last 2 years.
4. A minimum GPA of ≥ 2.75 in the Prerequisite courses.
5. An official copy of the results of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills demonstrating a TEAS score of ≥ 60 .
6. Meet with the PTA Program Director.
7. A completed PTA Program Application Packet, which includes:
 - a) A completed PTA Program Application
 - b) A signed copy of the Drug Screening & Background Check Policy
 - c) A signed copy of the Essential Functions of the Physical Therapist Assistant Acknowledgement Form
8. For Readmission to the PTA Program, please refer to the PTA Student Handbook.

Please see the official PTA Application Packet for specific details related to Entrance Requirements.

*Prerequisite classes must be completed prior to admission into the technical phase of the program.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRADUATION, A STUDENT MUST COMPLETE ALL COURSES LISTED ABOVE WITH A PASSING GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER AND MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GPA OF AT LEAST 2.0.

Program Accreditation

Effective April 29, 2025, Washington State College of Ohio has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085, phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 740-885-5700 or email kvandergrift@wscc.edu.

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Physical Therapist Assistant

Fall Entry

Estimated Costs for 2025-2027

In-state Tuition: \$170.00 Out-of-state Tuition: \$171.00

Semester I (Fall 2025)

Total credit hrs:	15
Tuition:	\$ 2,550.00
Books:	\$ 725.00
Lab Coat/Goggles:	\$ 50.00
Lab Fees:	\$ 80.00
Estimated Cost:	\$ 3,405.00

Semester II (Spring 2026)

Total credit hrs:	14
Tuition:	\$ 2,380.00
Books:	\$ 720.00
Lab Fees:	\$ 80.00
Estimated Cost:	\$ 3,180.00

Upon Entry to the Program

Program Expenses:

- Laptop Computer: \$ 750.00
- Polo Shirts: \$ 70.00

Preclinical Expenses:

- CPR: \$ 50.00
 - Physical/Immunizations: \$ 600.00
 - Drug Screen: \$ 50.00
 - Background Check: \$ 100.00
- \$ 1,620.00**

Semester III (Fall 2026)

Total credit hrs:	16
Tuition:	\$ 2,720.00
Books:	\$ 1,000.00
Lab Fees:	\$ 175.00
Supplies:	\$ 50.00
Castle Branch:	\$ 45.00
APTA Student Membership:	\$ 90.00
Estimated Cost:	\$ 4,080.00

Semester IV (Spring 2027)

Total credit hrs:	14
Tuition:	\$ 2,380.00
Books:	\$ 80.00
Lab Fees:	\$ 50.00
PTA Early Start Package:	\$ 169.00
Onsite Review Course:	\$ 300.00
PEAT Exams:	\$ 79.00
Estimated Cost:	\$ 3,058.00

Semester V (Summer 2027)

Total credit hrs:	6
Tuition:	\$ 1,020.00
Books:	\$ 0.00
Estimated Cost:	\$ 1,020.00

Total Credits for AAS Degree	(65)
Total Tuition for AAS Degree	\$ 11,050.00

Total (In-state): \$ 16,363.00

Required travel to clinical sites is not included in the estimated costs

Upon Completion of the Program:

State Licensing Fee, Ohio: OR/	\$ 100.00
State Licensing Fee, West Virginia	\$ 165.00
Background Check:	\$ 100.00
NPTE Fee to Federation of State Boards of PT:	\$ 485.00
NPTE Fee to Prometric Testing Center:	\$ 70.00
Jurisprudence Assessment Module Ohio:	\$ 48.00

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STUDENT: _____

DATE ENROLLED: _____

To be eligible for graduation, a student **must complete all** courses listed below with a "C" or better **and** maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0. You **cannot** be accepted with a GPA lower than **2.75**.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES:	CREDITS	SEMESTER TAKEN	GRADE
English Composition (3 Credits)			
ENGL 1510 English Composition I	3	_____	_____
Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 Credits)			
PSYC 1010 General Psychology	3	_____	_____
PSYC 2700 Developmental Psychology	3	_____	_____
Natural Sciences (8 Credits)			
BIOL 2310 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3	_____	_____
BIOL 231L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1	_____	_____
BIOL 2320 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3	_____	_____
BIOL 232L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	_____	_____
Mathematics (4 Credits)			
MATH 2130 College Algebra <i>OR/</i>	4	_____	_____
MATH 2110 Principles of Statistics	4	_____	_____
Applied General Education Courses (12 Credits)			
BIOL 2450 Pathophysiology	3	_____	_____
HLTH 1800 Medical Terminology	3	_____	_____
PTAT 1020 Intro to Physical Therapy	2	_____	_____
PTAT 2100 Intro to Clinical Setting	4	_____	_____
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT MAJOR (32 Credits)			
PTAT 2200 Principles & Applications of Therapeutic Exercise	4	_____	_____
PTAT 2300 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	4	_____	_____
PTAT 2350 Physical Therapy Procedures	4	_____	_____
PTAT 2730 Neurological Condition in Physical Therapy	3	_____	_____
PTAT 2740 Orthopedic Conditions in Physical Therapy	3	_____	_____
PTAT 2750 Advanced Rehab Concepts in Physical Therapy	3	_____	_____
PTAT 2800 Directed Practice I	4	_____	_____
PTAT 2850 PTA Seminar	1	_____	_____
PTAT 2900 Directed Practice II	4	_____	_____
PTAT 2950 PTA Capstone	2	_____	_____
Total		65	

OUTLINE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

YEAR 1: PROGRAM PREREQUISITES/GENERAL EDUCATION

SEMESTER 1 FALL 2025

16 Weeks

BIOL 2310 Human Anatomy & Physiology (3) 3-0
BIOL 231L Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab (1) 0-3

1st 8 Weeks

ENGL 1510 English Composition I (3) 2-2
HLTH 1800 Medical Terminology (3) 3-0

2nd 8 Weeks

PSYC 1010 General Psychology (3) 3-0
PTAT 1020 Introduction to Physical Therapy (2) 2-0

SEMESTER 2 SPRING 2026

16 Weeks

BIOL 2320 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (3) 3-0
BIOL 232L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (1) 0-3

MATH 2110 Principles of Statistics (4) 4-0 (**16 weeks**) **or**
MATH 2130 College Algebra (4) 4-0 (**1st or 2nd 8 weeks**)

1st 8 Weeks or 2nd 8 Weeks

BIOL 2450 Pathophysiology (3) 3-0
PSYC 2700 Developmental Psychology (3) 3-0

YEAR 2: TECHNICAL/CLINICAL EDUCATION

SEMESTER 3 FALL 2026

16 Weeks

PTAT 2100 Intro to Clinical Setting (4) 2-3-3
PTAT 2200 Principles & Applications Ther. Ex (4) 2-4
PTAT 2300 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology (4) 2-4
PTAT 2350 Physical Therapy Procedures (4) 2-4

SEMESTER 5 SUMMER 2027

(8 Weeks)

PTAT 2900 Directed Practice II (4) 1-0-17.5
PTAT 2950 PTA Capstone (2) 2-0

SEMESTER 4 SPRING 2027

1st 8 Weeks

PTAT 2730 Neurological Conditions in Physical Therapy (3) 2-2
PTAT 2740 Orthopedic Conditions in Physical Therapy (3) 2-2
PTAT 2750 Advanced Rehab Concepts in Physical Therapy (3) 2-2

2nd 8 Weeks

PTAT 2800 Directed Practice I (4) 1-0-17.5
PTAT 2850 PTA Seminar (1) 1-0

2025/2026

2026/2027



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

**AVERAGE
ANNUAL
SALARY**
\$64,280

**ESTIMATED
PROGRAM
COST**
\$16,463

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The program prepares students for entry-level practice under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Students gain essential skills through comprehensive academic and well-rounded clinical learning experiences. Graduates are eligible for licensure upon successful completion of the National Physical Therapy Exam for the PTA. This career offers many opportunities for advanced growth and mobility across the country.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

- 5-Semesters
- Ongoing Self-Assessment Opportunities
- Hands-on Experience
- Small Class Sizes
- Local Career Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Rehabilitation Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Outpatient Rehab Clinics
- School Systems



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FALL SEMESTER

BIOL 2310	Human Anatomy & Physiology	3
BIOL 231L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1

First 8 Weeks

ENGL 1510	English Composition I	3
PTAT 1020	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2

Second 8 Weeks

HLTH 1800	Medical Terminology	3
PSYC 1010	General Psychology	3
Credit Hours		15

SPRING SEMESTER

BIOL 2320	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 232L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL 2450	Pathophysiology	3

MATH 2110	Principles of Statistics (16 weeks) or	4
MATH 2130	College Algebra (1st or 2nd 8 weeks)	

First 8 Weeks or 2nd 8 Weeks

PSYC 2700	Developmental Psychology	3
Credit Hours		14

FALL SEMESTER

PTAT 2100	Intro to Clinical Setting	4
PTAT 2200	Principles & Applications Ther. Ex	4
PTAT 2300	Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	4
PTAT 2350	Physical Therapy Procedures	4
Credit Hours		16

SPRING SEMESTER

First 8 Weeks

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PTAT 2750	Advanced Rehab Concepts in Physical Therapy	3

Second 8 Weeks

PTAT 2800	Directed Practice I	4
PTAT 2850	PTA Seminar	1
Credit Hours		14

SUMMER SEMESTER

PTAT 2900	Directed Practice II	4
PTAT 2950	PTA Capstone	2
Credit Hours		6

Total Credit Hours 65

BOARD/CERTIFICATION/LICENSING EXAM:

Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT)

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