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**Career Technical Programs**

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# Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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**Purpose** Prepare the graduate to qualify for the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy and practice as an entry-level, licensed physical therapist assistant (PTA).

**Learning Outcomes** Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program learning outcomes are based on the guidelines of the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). Program graduates must demonstrate broad, integrative and specialized knowledge, technical and communication skills, and behavior and conduct consistent with entry-level PTA practice. Learning outcomes have a strong emphasis on safely and effectively implementing a plan of care under the direction of a supervising physical therapist. PTAs work under the direction of the supervising physical therapist in helping clients (individuals, families or communities) promote health and recovery from acute or chronic neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, pulmonary, metabolic, and integument injury or disease. The graduate:

- communicates verbally and non-verbally with the patient, the physical therapist, health care delivery personnel, and others in an effective, appropriate, and capable manner.
- recognizes individual and cultural differences and responds appropriately in all aspects of physical therapy services.
- exhibits conduct that reflects a commitment to meet the expectations of the members of the profession of physical therapy and members of society receiving health care services.
- exhibits conduct that reflects safe practice standards that are legal, ethical and safe.
- communicates an understanding of the plan of care developed by the physical therapist to achieve short and long term goals and intended outcomes.
- demonstrates competence in implementing selected components of interventions identified in the plan of care established by the physical therapist, including functional training, infection control, manual therapy, physical and mechanical agents, therapeutic exercise, and wound management.
- demonstrates competency in performing components of data collection skills essential for carrying out the plan of care, including tests and measures for aerobic capacity, pain, cognition, assistive and prosthetic devices, joint motion, muscle performance, neuromotor development, posture, self-care and home/community management, ventilation, respiration, and circulation.
- recognizes and initiates clarifications with the supervising physical therapist when indicated.
- adjusts treatment interventions within the plan of care to optimize patient safety, progress, and comfort; reports outcomes to the supervising physical therapist.
- instructs and educates patients, family members, and caregivers as directed by the supervising physical therapist.
- instructs members of the health care team as directed by the supervising physical therapist, using appropriate instructional materials and approaches.
- demonstrates a commitment to meeting the needs of the patients and consumers.
- interacts with other members of the health care team in patient care and non-patient care activities.

- provides accurate and timely information for billing and reimbursement purposes.
- participates in quality assurance activities.
- demonstrates an awareness of social responsibility, citizenship and advocacy, including participation in community and service organizations and activities.
- identifies career and lifelong learning opportunities.

**Accreditation** Physical Therapist Assistant, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone: 703.706.3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [capteonline.org](http://capteonline.org).

**Admission Information** Students are admitted once a year. Admission is restricted and is based on a program application. Please consult [lanecc.edu/hp/pta/](http://lanecc.edu/hp/pta/).

**Advising and Counseling** Registration in on-line (Moodle) Academic Advising for Physical Therapist Assistant is highly recommended. Drop-in advising is available in Building 1, Room 103. E-mail [ptaprogram@lanecc.edu](mailto:ptaprogram@lanecc.edu)

**Cooperative Education (Co-op)** Co-op is required for second year students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Students must complete 18 credits of Co-op a program-designated co-op site. Contact Beth Thorpe, PTA Cooperative Education Coordinator, Bldg. 30, Rm. 108, 541.463.3274, [thorpeb@lanecc.edu](mailto:thorpeb@lanecc.edu).

**Job Openings Projected through 2020**

Lane County openings - 3 annually  
 Statewide openings - 40 annually

**Wages**

Lane County median hourly - \$28.47; average annual - \$59,817  
 Oregon median hourly - \$26.78; average annual - \$58,628

**Costs** Estimated based on 2015-16 tuition and fees. Consult Lane's website for updated tuition and fees for prerequisite and program courses. Prerequisite costs will vary for transfer students.

Books .....	\$900
Certification, Licensure, Exams, Physicals.....	\$2,559
Computers/Internet Service.....	\$1,100
Differential Fees* .....	\$1,610
Program Specific Fees.....	\$938
Resident Tuition and General Student Fees.....	\$11,053

Total Estimated Cost \$18,160

\*This is the total of all the differential fees attached to the courses in this program. These fees and other course fees may change during the year. See the online credit class schedule for fees assigned to courses.

**Course Requirements**

- Prerequisites are required for some courses. See course descriptions
- No more than 16 credits with a grade of Pass are accepted
- Non-PTA courses must be passed with a grade of Pass or C or better to satisfy program requirements
- All PTA courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better to satisfy program requirements

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## Prerequisites Required to Apply

Proof of clinical observation hours with a PT or PTA .....	25
Choice of:	
WR 121 Introduction to Academic Writing	
WR121_H Intorduction Academic Writing	
WR 122 Composition: Argument, Style, and Research	
WR 122H Composition: Argument, Style, and Research	
WR 123 Composition: Research,or higher writing,	
or	
prior bachelor's degree, verified by transcript from US	
accredited institution. ....	3-4
HO 100 Medical Terminology .....	3
Choice of: .....	3-4
HO 150 Human Body Systems	
BI 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology	
Choice of: .....	4-5
GS 104 Physical Science	
PH 101 Fundamentals of Physics	
PH 102 Fundamentals of Physics	
PH 201 General Physics	
Choice of: .....	4
PSY 201 General Psychology	
PSY 202 General Psychology	
PSY 215 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	

## Prerequisite requirements prior to Cooperative Education

AHA CPR for Health Professionals
Physical examination
Drug and alcohol screen
Proof of required immunizations
Criminal Background Check

## First Year

MTH 065 Elementary Algebra or higher .....	4
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy .....	3
PTA 101 Introduction to Clinical Practice 1 .....	5
PTA 101L Introduction to Clinical Practice 1 Lab .....	2

## Winter

PTA 103L Introduction to Clinical Practice 2 Lab.....	2
PTA 103 Introduction to Clinical Practice 2 .....	5
PTA 132L Applied Kinesiology 1 Lab.....	2
COMM 115 Introduction to Intercultural Communication ..	4
PTA 132 Applied Kinesiology 1 .....	3

## Spring

PTA 104 PT Interventions-Orthopedic Dysfunctions .....	5
PTA 104L PT Interventions-Orthopedic Dysfunctions Lab..	2
PTA 133L Applied Kinesiology 2 Lab.....	2
PTA 133 Applied Kinesiology 2 .....	3
COOP 206 Co-op Ed: Internship Seminar .....	1-2

## Second Year

PTA 280A Co-op Ed: First Clinical Internship.....	6
PTA 204 PT Interventions Neurological Dysfunctions .....	5
PTA 204L PT Interventions Neurological Dysfunctions	
Lab .....	2
HIM 153 Introduction to Pharmacology .....	3

## Winter

PTA 280B Co-op Ed: Second Clinical Internship.....	6
PTA 201 Physical Therapy and the Older Adult.....	2
PTA 205 PT Interventions Complex Medical	
Dysfunctions .....	4
PTA 205L PT Interventions Complex Medical	
Disfunctions Lab .....	2

## Spring

PTA 280C Co-op Ed: Third Clinical Internship.....	6
PTA 203 Contemporary Topics in Physical Therapy.....	2
HE 262 First Aid 2: Beyond the Basics .....	3
PTA 200 Professionalism, Ethics, and Exam Preparation .....	4