PROGRAM FACT SHEET

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (A45620)

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under 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.

The Fayetteville Technical Community College Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. Upon receiving your Associate of Applied Science degree from the college, the graduate may be eligible to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant licensure examination. Successfully meeting licensure requirements allows the graduate to work as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Employment is available in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, specialty hospitals, home health agencies, private clinics, and public school systems.

##### Awards

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| Associate Degree: Physical Therapist Assistant (A45620) | **Length of Program:** 5 Semesters  **Prerequisite:** High School Diploma/GED,  1 Unit of Biology, 1 Unit of Chemistry, ENG-002 Tier 2 or Placement Test Equivalent |
| **Diploma:** None | **Length of Programs:**  **Prerequisite:** |
| **Certificate:** None | **Length of Program**  **Prerequisite** |

**Work-Based Learning Requirements/Opportunities:** For Work-Based Learning requirements/opportunities please see the appropriate Program Sequencing sheet.

**N C License or Certification Information:** Licensure required**.**  Graduates may be eligible to take the licensure examination administered by the NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. **[A student with a felony conviction may not be eligible for licensure or employment.]**

**Programmatic Accreditation:** The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Fayetteville Technical Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [CAPTE Website](http://www.capteonline.org/).

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**Application Deadlines:** The program is designed only for fall admission. Students should apply by January 30th. Specific health program admission requirements must be met before a student is eligible for admission.

**Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services:** Scholarships/Title IV Financial Aid/Veteran's assistance may be available for associate degrees. Certificates and diplomas that fall under this program/area of study **may or may not be eligible** for Scholarship/Title IV Financial Aid/VA Services. Please contact the Financial Aid Office, Student Center, Room 2; Telephone (910) 678-8242. Veterans Services, General Classroom Building, Room 202, (910) 678-8580.

**Child Care Financial Assistance Information:**

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