



# NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Physical Therapist Assistant, A.A.S.

### Overview

Physical Therapist Assistants implement the plan of care developed by the physical therapist. This plan of care includes skills that help patients improve their movement and function, as well as decreasing pain. Students will develop skills in all facets of physical therapy including therapeutic exercise, functional training, and heat, hydro and electrotherapy.

### Careers

Careers related to your program of study:

- Physical Therapist Assistant

### Contact

#### Program Coordinator

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#### Division

Nursing, Physical & Allied Health  
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Visit full catalog for specific course offerings for each semester:

[www.niagaracc.suny.edu/programs/pta](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/programs/pta)

### Accreditations

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association  
3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100 • Alexandria, VA 22305-3085  
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### Program Requirements

#### First Semester

	<b>Credits</b>
BIO 213 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 213L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
ENG 101 - Writing I	3
PTA 110 - Introduction to Clinical Kinesiology	3
PTA 111L - Basic Patient Care Skills for PTA	1
PTA 112L - Physical Therapy Foundations Laboratory	1
PTA 116 - Introduction to the PT Profession	3
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16 Cr.</b>

#### Second Semester

BIO 214 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 214L - Human Anatomy and Physiology Lab II	1
PSY 110 - Introduction to Psychology	3
PTA 130 - Clinical Orthopedics	4
PTA 131L - Clinical Orthopedics Lab	2
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>14 Cr.</b>

#### Summer Session

PTA 150 - Clinical Practicum I	4
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>4 Cr.</b>

#### Third Semester

BIO 215 - Neuroanatomy and Physiology	3
PTA 210 - Biophysical Agents	3
PTA 211L - Biophysical Agents Laboratory	2
PTA 220 - Clinical Medicine I	2
PTA 221L - Clinical Medicine I Laboratory	1
PTA 226 - Clinic Operations and Management	1
PSY 210 - Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15 Cr.</b>

#### Fourth Semester

PTA 230 - Pediatrics	2
PTA 231L - Pediatrics Laboratory	1
PTA 232L - Neurorehabilitation Laboratory	2
PTA 240 - Clinical Medicine II	2
PTA 250 - Clinical Practicum II	4
PTA 275 - Clinical Practicum III	4
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15 Cr.</b>

The information provided is subject to change throughout the academic year.