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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Physical therapy is a rewarding health profession that provides services that help individuals restore function, improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent disabilities. The physical therapist assistant, under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist, utilize mechanical force and movements, manual therapy, exercise therapy, biophysical agents, and patient & family education to improve an individual's quality of life. Physical therapy professionals can work exible hours in a variety of settings such as hospitals, private clinics, rehabilitation units, home health, schools, and nursing homes.

PATHWAY

Year 1 Semester 1 - Summer
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I
Choose 1 LPC Course
BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II
ENGL 1301 English Composition I
Total Credit Hours: 14

Year 1 Semester 2 – Fall
PTHA 1413 Functional Anatomy
PTHA 1301 The Profession of Physical Therapy
PTHA 1405 Basic Patient Care Skills
PTHA 1321 Pathophysiology for the PTA
Total Credit Hours: 14

Year 1 Semester 3 - Spring
PTHA 2535 Rehabilitation Techniques
PTHA 1531 Physical Agents
PTHA 2509 Therapeutic Exercise
PTHA 2301 Essentials of Data Collection
Total Credit Hours: 18

Year 2 Semester 1 - May Intersession
PTHA 2305 Clinical Neurology
Total Credit Hours: 3

Year 2 Semester 2 - Summer I & II
PTHA 1266 Practicum I
PTHA 2531 Management of Neurological Disorders
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development
Total Credit Hours: 10

Year 2 Semester 3 - Fall
PTHA 2266 Practicum II

JOB OUTLOOK

Salaries for the PTA vary; according to the US Department of Labor states the average salary is between \$34,000 and \$42,000 annually. For more information on the job outlook for Physical Therapist Assistants, visit the US Department of Labor website at https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2015/article/projection_soccupation.htm or scan above.

