

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA)

Associate of Applied Science Degree Program



The physical therapist assistant (PTA) program at CGTC is an occupational program preparing students to provide physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Didactic knowledge preceding off campus clinical affiliations prepares the student for entry level foundational skills in functional training, wound management, manual therapy, physical agents, mechanical agents, and therapeutic exercise. Students develop professionalism and a commitment to lifelong learning which prepares them for a career in physical therapy.

Median Salary: \$59,770 or \$28.74 an hour

Program Requirements

- **Total Credit Hours: 76**
- Minimum Age Requirement: 18
- High School Diploma or GED

Contemporary Equipment

CGTC's physical therapy lab includes state-of-the-art equipment such as:

- Active treatment hi/low tilt table
- Ceiling suspension training equipment
- Endless pool with underwater treadmill
- Laser therapy
- Static/dynamic balance testing and training equipment

Duties/Responsibilities

- Assist Physical Therapists in implementing care/treatment plans
- Perform interventions using methods such as heat, cold, ultrasound, electrical stimulation, gait training, and more
- Engage in communication and collaboration with other health care providers for patient centered care
- Work with a variety of patient populations across the lifespan

Licensure and Certification

- Required state licensure from the Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy.

Work Environments

- Colleges and Universities
- Home health agencies
- Hospitals
- K-12 schools
- Outpatient physical therapy clinics
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Sports medicine clinics
- Workplace wellness programs

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes312021.htm>

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Central Georgia Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 478-218-3765 or email mawalker@centralgatech.edu. [Initial Accreditation Review: November 3, 2020; Next Visit: Fall 2025]

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