

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

This program prepares the individual to become a physical therapist assistant (PTA) who is able to perform selected components of intervention and data collection under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

The curriculum combines general education and physical therapy courses. Various facilities are utilized for clinical experiences. The graduate is eligible to sit for the national licensing examination for the physical therapist assistant. Enrollment in this program is limited; therefore, a selective admissions process is followed.

Students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant program must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each required general education course; a minimum grade of "C" in each required PTA didactic course; and a grade of pass in each clinical practicum course to complete the program.

CPR requirements must be attained by completing a program-approved CPR course prior to enrolling in the first physical therapist assistant course and must be kept current throughout the program.

*The Physical Therapist Assistant programs at Hazard Community and Technical College / Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, Jefferson Community and Technical College, Madisonville Community College, Somerset Community College, and West Kentucky Community and Technical College are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA, 22305-3085; telephone: 800-999-2782; e-mail: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

Madisonville Community College has stopped enrollment for the AAS in Physical Therapy Assistant beginning Spring 2025.

Degrees

- Physical Therapist Assistant - AAS (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/physical-therapist-assistant/physical-therapist-assistant-aas/>)
 - Pathway 1 (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/physical-therapist-assistant/physical-therapist-assistant-aas/#pathway1>)
 - Pathway 2 (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/physical-therapist-assistant/physical-therapist-assistant-aas/#pathway2>)