PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Explore your opportunities in an exciting career pathway!

Olympic College offers a two-year curriculum designed to prepare graduates to be employed as physical therapist assistants.

The program offers a balance of general education courses, physical therapy theory and physical therapist assistant practice. Students accepted into the program will complete 560 hours of clinical education as part of the professional curriculum. Following acceptance, the professional phase of the program can be completed in six consecutive quarters. Courses require a minimum 2.7 grade or higher to progress in the program. Clinical education courses are pass/fail.

Graduates are prepared to take the National Licensure Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants (NPTE) and have immediate employment as physical therapist assistants (PTA) in various healthcare settings including hospitals, long-term care and skilled nursing facilities, private out-patient practice, school settings and home health.

Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Get Started Today!

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Contact admissions to enroll!
www.olympic.edu/current-students/getting-started/Admissions

Funding Options
Available through Workforce Development and Basic Studies
(360) 475-7555 | wfd@olympic.edu
Contact us to find out if you are eligible!

Check out the Physical Therapist Assistant Career Pathway

Interested in being a Physical Therapist Assistant?
Check out their webpage!
Selective Admissions Process
The program utilizes a selective admission process to enroll 24 students annually. The deadline for application to the program is April 30th, for fall quarter admission. TEAS testing is required prior to submitting an application. Students must maintain a 2.7 grade or higher in order to progress in the program.

Additional Costs
Students are responsible for additional program costs. See the Physical Therapist Assistant Program website for details. If you have questions regarding the stated costs, call or email the program faculty advisor.

Wages
For median wages, labor market and wage data provided by the Washington State Employment Security Department go to: https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/employmentdata/

Admission Requirements
- **Complete prerequisites**
  Completion of prerequisite courses with a 2.0 grade or higher in: BIOL& 175 and PHYS 110 or CHEM& 121 and BIOL& 241/242.
- **Take the Accuplacer**
  A Next Generation Accuplacer score of 260 or higher (84 on the traditional Accuplacer) must be achieved. This requirement is waived for those with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college.
- **Take the TEAS**
  Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills Assessment (TEAS).
- **Complete required courses**
  Completion of required support courses, PSYC& 100, MATH 099 (or higher) and ENGL& 101 with a grade of 2.0 or higher.
- **Volunteer 40 hours**
  Complete 40 total hours of volunteerism in at least two different physical therapy facilities (documentation required).

Program Re-Entry Guidelines
Former Olympic College PTA students must submit a PTA application for admission and all credential requirements to be eligible to re-enroll. Upon the first academic or voluntary withdrawal, a student is granted priority for readmission the following year, but must reapply to the program. Students with a second academic or voluntary withdrawal must reapply as a first year.

How To Pay for College
You may be eligible for financial assistance!
Workforce Development Eligibility Survey
www.startnextquarter.org/
Financial Aid
www.olympic.edu/paying-college/financial-aid
The Washboard Scholarship Opportunities
https://fortress.wa.gov/hecb/thewashboard/