

Physical Therapist Assistant: AAS Degree

Program Highlights

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. Physical therapist assistants work to improve or restore function by alleviation or prevention of physical impairment and perform other essential activities in a physical therapy department.

Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the licensure examination administered by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. Employment is available in outpatient clinics, skilled nursing or subacute facilities, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, home health agencies, public school systems, education centers, hospice, corporate or industrial health centers, athletic facilities, and fitness centers.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at GTCC has received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (PAR)

- ✓ [General admission](#) to GTCC
- ✓ College readiness in Math
- ✓ Completion of prerequisites courses with a "C" or better
 - BIO 168, ENG 111, PSY 150, PHY 110/110A, Fine Arts/Humanities Elective
- ✓ [ATI TEAS Exam](#)
- ✓ Completion of [program information session](#) for the current application

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAM DETAILS



2 years, Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S)

TOTAL COSTS



Program tuition and fees: **\$5,700***
\$1,800* for books and supplies

Out-of-state program tuition and fees: **\$18,700***
\$1,800* for books and supplies

Scholarships are available for students. Learn more at <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/how-to-pay-for-college/index.php>

*The amounts shown above are an estimate and can vary from program to program.



EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Median wages (2020): \$59,770 annual

Projected **industry growth** (2019-2029): 29%

Source:
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist-assistants-and-aides.htm>