

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE (AAS)

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Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Distinguish between the role of the physical therapist and the role of the physical therapist assistant and discern the similarities and differences, explaining them in the context of patient care and the broader workplace.
- Perform physical therapy interventions under the direction and supervision of physical therapists alone.
- Perform physical therapy interventions in keeping with practices that assure safety for self, patients/clients, and the workplace.
- Consistently perform treatment interventions with competence and in keeping with best practice, current knowledge, standards of ethical practice, and research.
- Provide patient/client care in a respectful and culturally sensitive manner to all individuals.
- Advocate for individuals in need of physical therapy care to supervisors, health care providers, third-party payers, communities, and the greater society.
- Recognize the necessity for continued learning and invest in opportunities for continued vocational and personal growth through education.
- Provide education to peers, patients/clients, and others through professional organizations, employment, and other avenues of collaboration.

(Outcomes adapted from the [Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education Mission, Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives](#) in partnership with the College of Southern Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and North Idaho College.)