

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

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## Program Description

The Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium Program prepares students for employment as physical therapist assistants (PTA). The PTA functions through the direction of a physical therapist (PT) to implement the PT's plan of care. The ultimate goal of physical therapy is to aid patients and clients in returning to maximal function. PTA students are instructed in thinking processes and skills such as therapeutic exercise, orthopedic and neurological interventions, therapeutic modalities, and the art of patient care. In addition to patient treatment courses, students study the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, clinical pathology, and kinesiology. Clinical education experiences are integrated throughout the curriculum and offer students the opportunity to practice the techniques learned and practiced each semester. The program is designed to be completed in two years.

The [Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education](#) at the College of Southern Idaho, the College of Western Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and North Idaho College is accredited by the:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
(CAPTE)  
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**Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a separate application and completion of the following prerequisite courses:**

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
BIOL 227	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 227L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3
HLTH 101	Medical Terminology	3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course		3

*Note: Registrations for Physical Therapist Assistant courses are restricted to students within the major.*

## Degrees and Certificates

- [Physical Therapist Assistant - Associate of Applied Science Degree \(AAS\)](#)