

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum at Surry Community College prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the supervision of physical therapists. These settings include: hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics, home health, and many others. 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. Course work includes normal human anatomy and physiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment of a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout the life span.

Graduates may be eligible to take the licensure examination administered by the NC Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. (A student with a felony may not be eligible for licensure or employment). Employment is available in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, extended care facilities, specialty hospitals, home health agencies, private clinics, and public school systems. Students must graduate from a CAPTE-accredited school to be eligible to sit for the licensing exam. Physical Therapist Assistants must be licensed to practice in North Carolina.

Cost of the program: The total cost of the program is estimated to be approximately \$8,912.00 for the 5 semesters. Costs may be slightly higher or lower depending on expenses associated with clinical education. A breakdown of these expenses can be requested from the Program Director. Students are expected to travel for one or more of their clinical internships.

The following information can be requested from the Program Director as it is available:

- Acceptance and matriculation rates
- Graduation rates
- Employment rates
- Pass rates for graduates on licensing exam

******PTA students prohibited from participating in a clinical internship based on their criminal background check or drug screening will be dismissed from the PTA program due to their inability to progress.***

If you have a question regarding licensure opportunities due to a previous criminal offense, please contact the NC Board of PT Examiners at the following number: (800)800-8982 or (919)490-6393



Admissions information: please refer to the college website at the following link:

http://surry.edu/apply-now/curriculum_programs/health-sciences-student

Financial aid: visit website:

<http://surry.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/>

Complaints/ Feedback:

Please refer the PTA Program Policy and Procedure Manual that is available on the SCC website for information on filing a complaint or providing feedback regarding our PTA Program.

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The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Surry Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE),

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