

Why Physical Therapy Assistant?

Sports injuries, accident rehabilitation, and physical limitations brought on by aging, illness or birth defects, all require physical therapy. You can be a part of the healing process as a physical therapist assistant.

The physical therapist assistant is part of a team that plans and implements a patient care program. The assistant carries out interventions that might include exercises for increasing strength, endurance, coordination and range of motion; the use of heat, cold, electricity, sound or water to relieve pain and stimulate muscle activity; instruction in safe physical activities and the use of walkers, crutches and wheelchairs. The PTA might also assist the therapist in performing tests and evaluations/examinations as well as observing and reporting patient responses to treatment.

People with compassion, inquisitive minds, physical stamina and an interest in working closely with patients will find a career as a physical therapist assistant very rewarding.

Graduates Find Jobs

Graduates of the BCC Physical Therapist Assistant program choose either to seek immediate employment as a skilled health care provider working under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist, or to continue their professional education at one of several upper-division programs. Employment prospects are good and varied.

Graduates are employed in area and regional hospitals, private practice offices, nursing homes, sports medicine clinics, schools or health fitness clinics. Salaries are currently competitive and are expected to continue to rise further over the next several years. Successful completion of national certification examinations after graduation affords mobility, job security, and access to positions in almost any area of the country.

For more information about this program, please call the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at 607 778-5211 or e-mail at abrams_d@sunybroome.edu.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, 1111 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: 703-714-8880.



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