

A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a health care provider working under the direction of a Physical Therapist. The PTA is involved in the treatment of individuals with muscular, skeletal, cardiopulmonary and nervous system disorders. The PTA may also be involved in injury prevention or programs specifically targeted toward individual or group wellness. The PTA is able to provide physical therapy services as specified in a care plan developed by a Physical Therapist. Treatment program implementation may include therapeutic exercise, ambulation training, activities of daily living, and administration of physical agents such as heat and cold. All students must maintain current CPR and First Aid certification. Additionally, students must maintain professional liability insurance coverage and are required to complete a series of Hepatitis B vaccinations. The approximate cost of uniform and vaccination requirements is \$175.00. Nominal expenses are incurred during each clinical affiliation for travel within the metro area.

The program is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. The Commission can be reached at 1111 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314-1488, 1-800-999-2782.

The program is five semesters in length with a summer term following the first year. Upon successful completion, the graduate is awarded an Associate of Applied Science degree. Students are responsible for completing the appropriate Graduation Application in the Records office by the deadline date.

Admission Requirements:

- 1) Contact the Health, Math, Science & Engineering Division Office, Room A2000, or 303.797.5888.
- 2) Applications are accepted beginning February 1 each year. Please refer to the PTA Program Information for application and CPT placement scores.
- 3) Individuals with related degrees and training (athletic training, military-trained PT Techs/Specialists) should contact Paula Provence at paula.provence@arapahoe.edu for information regarding possible transfer credit and Credit for Prior Learning options.

NOTE: All major, general education courses and other courses required for this degree must be completed with a grade of "C" or better to meet graduation requirements.

Major Courses –59 credit hours

	PTA 110 Basic Patient Care in Physical Therapy	5
	PTA 115 Principles and Practices in Physical Therapy	2
	HPR 117 Anatomical Kinesiology	3
	PTA 176 Anatomical Kinesiology Lab	2
	PTA 120 Modalities in Physical Therapy	5
	PTA 124 Rehab Principles of Medical Management I	2
	PTA 131 Professional Communications I	1
	PTA 134 Rehab Principles of Medical Management II	2
	PTA 135 Principles in Electrical Stimulation	2
	PTA 140 Clinical Kinesiology	5
	PTA 141 Professional Communications II	1
	PTA 205 Psychosocial Issues in Health Care	2
	PTA 230 Orthopedic Assessment and Management	5
	PTA 240 Neurological Assessment and Management	5
	PTA 251 Professional Communications III	1
	PTA 278 PTA Seminar	2
	PTA 280 PTA Internship I	4
	PTA 281 PTA Internship II	5
	PTA 282 PTA Internship III	5

General Education Courses – 16 credit hours

	BIO 201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
	ENG 121 English Composition I	3
	PSY 101 General Psychology I	3
	SPE 115 Public Speaking OR	
	SPE 125 Interpersonal Communications	3
	PSY 235 Human growth and Development	3

_____ **Total Required – 75 credits**

IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Please see Paula Provence, Department Chair, with any questions concerning this program; 303.797.5897 or Paula.Provence@arapahoe.edu.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Basic Skills courses may be required based on assessment scores. It is the student's responsibility to take these course requirements within the first 30 credits at ACC. Basic Skills courses are also available at other area community colleges.

Tested Out/ Completed	Semester	ACT/ SAT Last 2 yrs	Accuplacer	Course	Credits
Sentence Skills					
			25-49	See Developmental Studies Advisor	
			50-69	ENG060	3
			70-94	ENG090	3
		18/440	95-120	ENG 121	3
Reading					
			25-39	See Developmental Studies Advisor	
			40-61	REA060	3
			62-79	REA090	3
		17/430	80-120	REA 112	3
Mathematics					
		Arithmetic	24-56	MAT030	2
		Arithmetic	57-120	MAT060	3
		Elem. Alg.	45-60	MAT090	4
		Elem. Alg.	61-84	MAT106/111	5
		19/460	85-120	MAT 120,121,123,135/179	4
Study Skills/Orientation					
	Academic Achievement Strategies			AAA090	3
	College Orientation			AAA101	1
	Advanced Academic Achievement			AAA 109	3

EXEMPTIONS TO ASSESSMENT TESTING:

1. Have successfully completed a college-level mathematics and college-level English course with a grade of C or better. You must provide a transcript.
2. Have achieved the minimum ACT/SAT scores shown above within the last 2 years and provide documentation.
3. Have successfully completed necessary remedial course(s), if required with a "C" or better.
4. Have earned an Associate's degree or higher. You must provide documentation.

5. Some degree programs do not allow a waiver for the CPT.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Admission and Records	admissions@arapahoe.edu	M2470	303.797.5621
Advising and Counseling Center	advising@arapahoe.edu	M 2010	303.797.5664
Bookstore	0249mgr@fhcg.follett.com	M1200	303.797.5676
Campus Police	campuspolice@arapahoe.edu	M2600	303.797.5800
Career Center	careers@arapahoe.edu	M2025	303.797.5805
Cashier		M2300	303-797-5638
Child Development Center		N1000	303.797.5678
Disability Services	heather.lawler@arapahoe.edu	M2710	303.797.5937 v/tty
Financial Aid		M2115	303.797.5661
	• Apply online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov		
Information Central	info-central@arapahoe.edu	M2800	303-797-4222
Library	library@arapahoe.edu	M2500	303.797.5090
Math Lab	math@arapahoe.edu	M3610	303.797.5877
	• Students must register for MAT 101 Enhanced Mathematics Lab		
Open Computer Lab		M1650	303.797.5907
Student Affairs	heather.lawler@arapahoe.edu	M2820	303.797.5668
Testing Center		M2280	303.797.5993
Tutorial Services	debra.goldberg@arapahoe.edu	M2710	303.797.5937 v/tty
Writing Center		M2855	303.797.5830

Location Abbreviations:

A – Annex	AD – Art and Design Center
CSB – Church Street Building	M – Main Building
UCC – University Center @ Chaparral (15653 Brookstone Dr, Parker)	N – North Building

TRANSFER INFORMATION:

1. It is important that you consult an advisor and the transfer institution when choosing courses, as certain majors have particular degree prerequisites and general education course requirements that need to be taken within the Associate degree program.
2. Students who complete a 60 credit hour A.A./A.S. degree with appropriate course requirements and grades of C or better may be able to complete a Baccalaureate degree in 60 additional credits after transferring to a 4-year public institution.
3. Consult your ACC Advisor about Colorado's 60 + 60 plans.
4. ACC has articulation agreements with several four-year institutions; visit the ACC Transfer Center of the website (www.arapahoe.edu) for more information.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

1. Obtain and read a copy of the ACC catalog.
2. Attend a New Student Orientation session.
3. Maintain current contact information on file and read all correspondence from ACC.
4. Take your CPT or be exempted (see above) before meeting with an academic advisor.
5. Take English, Speech and Math classes early in your program.
6. See your advisor about balancing your workload with credit load.
7. If you want to graduate in two years, take a minimum of fifteen college-level credits per fall/spring semester or twelve credits Fall/Spring and six credits Summer.
8. Transfer and financial aid students should consult an advisor before registering.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

1. No catalog more than six years old may be used for graduation requirements; the 2007/2008 catalog may not be used beyond the Spring 2013 semester.
2. **You must apply for graduation; obtain the application online at www.arapahoe.edu (Student Services) and apply by: April 1 (summer graduation), July 1 (fall graduation) and November 1 (spring graduation).**

For more information log on to www.arapahoe.edu.

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