

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, Meteorology and Physics majors should see page 131 for Associate in Science degree requirements.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT, A.A.S.

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Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) work as part of a team to provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist. PTAs assist the physical therapist in the treatment of individuals of all ages, from newborns to the very oldest, who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their abilities to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. PTAs perform treatment procedures that involve the therapeutic use of heat, cold, electromagnetic radiations, traction, compression, water, massage, ultrasound and therapeutic exercise, and assist the physical therapist with evaluative procedures. PTAs provide care for people in a variety of settings, including hospitals, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, work settings, and nursing homes.

The Weatherford College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program leads to an associate in applied science degree and encompasses an approximate twenty-one month course of study. The curriculum balances general educational and technical courses with supervised clinicals at hospitals and private clinics. These combined experiences provide students with an opportunity for educational development as well as occupational competence. PTAs must graduate from a CAPTE-accredited PTA program and licensure is required in the State of Texas. This program is offered at the Education Center at Mineral Wells.

ADMISSION TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Admission to Weatherford College does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program. Because clinical space is limited, the number of students admitted to this program is limited. Students admitted to the PTA Program are selected on the basis of admission exam score, academic record, references, interview, a writing sample and completion of a specified number of observation hours. For specific application information and deadlines, contact the PTA Program director or the Education Center at Mineral Wells secretary.

Students accepted into the program must comply with all school and PTA Program policies and procedures. Students must pass a physical examination, urine drug screen and criminal background check. Health and accident insurance must be maintained throughout the program. Current CPR certification (Healthcare Provider) must be maintained throughout all clinicals; and proof of required immunizations must be on file before students will be allowed to participate in clinicals.

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