



## **CURRICULUM GUIDE 2008-2009**

### **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

#### **AS Degree**

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is a two calendar year course of study leading to an Associate of Science Degree and eligibility to take the National PTA licensing examination. The degree requirements include general education, supporting courses, and Physical Therapist Assistant theory and clinical courses. Successful completion of the PTA major field courses and supporting courses meet the Tech Tools graduation requirement.

The PTA Program at Ohlone College is limited to 32 students per class each academic year. Clinical affiliations are an essential part of the program. Students are expected to be able to travel to off-campus locations in the greater Bay Area.

Ohlone College's PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) are skilled health care providers who work under the direction of a Physical Therapist (PT). Duties of the PTA include assisting the PT in implementing treatment programs, training patients in exercise and activities of daily living, conducting treatments, and reporting to the PT on the patient's response.

PTAs work in HMO's, hospitals, private physical therapy offices, community health centers, corporate and health centers, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools, pediatric centers, and colleges and universities.

Program Admission is based on a selective process and involves a special Application for Admission. Applicants are selected once a year and begin the course of study each Fall semester. For program information and application see the PTA Web page at [http://www.ohlone.edu/instr/phys\\_ther/home.html](http://www.ohlone.edu/instr/phys_ther/home.html).

#### **Requirements for AS Degree:**

- a) Complete Major Field and Supporting Courses with a 2.0 grade point average.
- b) Complete Plan A, B, or C General Education requirements. These requirements are specified in the Ohlone College catalog.
- c) Complete at least 60 degree-applicable units with a 2.0 grade point average.
- d) Complete at least 12 units at Ohlone College.
- e) Complete each Major Field and Supporting Course with a grade of C or better.

**MAJOR FIELD**

PTA-101	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PTA-102	Pathology	3
PTA-103	Kinesiology I	3
PTA-104	Kinesiology II	3
PTA-105A	Therapeutic Exercise I	3
PTA-105B	Therapeutic Exercise II	3
PTA-106	Orthopedics	2
PTA-107A	Clinical Practicum I	1
PTA-107B	Clinical Practicum II	2
PTA-107C	Clinical Practicum III	3
PTA-108	Advanced Modalities	2
PTA-109	Physical Therapy Through the Life Span	2
PTA-110	Neurological Disorders	2
PTA-111	Advanced Procedures	2
PTA-112	Clinical Affiliation	<u>4.5</u>
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**SUPPORTING COURSES**

BIOL-103A	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
BIOL-103B	Human Anatomy and Physiology	4
PSY-108	A Survey of Human Development	3
PTA-119/KIN-256	Sports Performance Testing	<u>2</u>
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