

ASSOCIATE DEGREE\*

# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

## Get Your Career On Its Feet.

Working under the supervision of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants help the injured, the elderly and anyone else whose ability to move is impaired to get back on their feet again. They work in hospitals, home-care agencies, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient clinics and nursing homes.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Carrington College® covers the following topics in combination with classroom study, laboratory practice and hands-on practice through an externship program; anatomy, physiology, kinesiology and patient communication. The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapist assistants and aides is expected to grow 41% from 2012-2022†*



## Duties May Include:

- Perform manual muscle testing
- Perform orthotic and prosthetic training
- Administer modalities – ultrasound, electrical stimulation, iontophoresis, neuromuscular electrical stimulation and transcutaneous electrical stimulation
- Execute therapeutic exercises for strength, balance, flexibility and endurance
- Manual therapy techniques: soft tissue mobilization, therapeutic massage passive range of motion

## Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Hospitals – inpatient and outpatient clinics
- Private practice and specialty clinics
- School systems
- US Military
- Sports teams – professional and university level

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\* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

† Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)



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## Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge to perform routine entry-level physical therapy assisting in a professional setting.
- Demonstrate ability to document data collection, intervention, and patient/client response.
- Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate interventions in emergency situations.
- Demonstrate ability to use technology and electronic communication.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

## Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the College's standard admission requirements, candidates must:

- Be at least 18 years old by the start of core courses.
- Pass the Wonderlic General Assessment of Instructional Needs (GAIN) test with a minimum score of 4 on both the English and Math components.
- Submit to drug screening and background checks, the results of which may affect enrollment in the program (Las Vegas only).

Applicants who meet all program admission requirements are selected using points earned from the following:

- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Entrance examination score
- Work or volunteer-related experience in a health care facility

## Progression Requirements:

- Hold a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR for the health care provider card.
- Provide proof of current immunizations as follows:
  - a. Current MMR and Varicella Zoster or titers showing immunity
  - b. Negative TB test results. (Results more than 12 months old must be from a two-step test.) Applicants with prior positive results must undergo a chest X-ray.
  - c. Tetanus (Albuquerque and Las Vegas only)
  - d. DPaT or Diphtheria (Albuquerque and Las Vegas only)
  - e. Provide proof of a current Hepatitis B vaccination or signed declination
- Prior to clinical rotations, students must submit to drug screening and background checks, results of which may affect eligibility to participate in clinical rotations.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Albuquerque, Boise, Las Vegas, Mesa

General education courses may be taken in any order unless determined by prerequisites. Core courses must be taken in the sequence listed below.

Physical Therapist Assistant Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
ENG 113	English Composition I*	45	0	0	3
MAT 113	College Mathematics*	45	0	0	3
BIO 105	Human Anatomy and Physiology I*	45	30	0	4
COM 131	Introduction to Communication*	45	0	0	3
BIO 206	Human Anatomy and Physiology II*	45	30	0	4
SOC 113	Introduction to Sociology*	45	0	0	3
PHY 221	Physics with Lab*	45	30	0	4
PSY 113	General Psychology*	45	0	0	3
BIO 115	Kinesiology*	30	30	0	3
PTA 112	Fundamentals of Physical Therapist Assisting	30	30	0	3
PTA 224	Physical Therapy Data Collection and Documentation	30	30	0	3
PTA 189	Pathophysiology for the PTA	45	0	0	3
PTA 153	Physical Agents and Massage	30	30	0	3
PTA 177	Management of Orthopedic Disorders	45	30	0	4
PTA 210	Management of Neurologic Disorders	45	30	0	4
PTA 240	Ethics and Jurisprudence	30	0	0	2
PTA 199	Clinical Education I	0	0	90	2
PTA 223	Advanced Concepts for PTA	45	30	0	4
PTA 230	Clinical Applications Across the Lifespan	30	0	0	2
GOV 141†	Nevada and US Constitutions*	45	0	0	3
PTA 259	Clinical Education II	0	0	280	6
PTA 298	Licensure Review	30	0	0	2
PTA 289	Clinical Education III	0	0	320	6
Total for Degree (Albuquerque, Boise and Mesa)		750	300	690	74
Total for Degree (Las Vegas)		795	300	690	77

\*General education course

†Las Vegas students only

Approximate time to complete degree program: 80 weeks