

Physical Therapist Assistant

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

About This Program

Carrington's Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students to function as entry-level practitioners under the supervision of a physical therapist. This is a mix of formal instruction, laboratory practice and hands-on clinical experience.

Students who successfully complete the Physical Therapist Assistant program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for PTAs*. To work as a physical therapist assistant in California, graduates must also pass the California Law Examination (CLE), which relates to the practice of physical therapy. The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree.

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at carrington.edu/cc/pta.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

*Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program. Credential preparation varies by location.

General Education Coursework

In this degree program, students complete general education course offerings focusing on:

- English composition
- Communication
- Computer literacy
- Mathematics
- Social sciences
- Science

Technical Coursework

The basic areas of study in this program include anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, human movement and movement disorders. The curriculum provides a broad base of knowledge covering issues related to the muscles, bones, nerves, ligaments and tendons. The program concludes with offsite clinical experiences during which students practice physical therapy interventions on patients in a variety of health care settings.

In addition to meeting the College's standard admission requirements, candidates may need to meet additional admission and progression requirements, including drug screening and background checks.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

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Careers in Physical Therapist Assisting

Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of physical therapists to help patients whose ability to move is impaired and provide practical assistance to the elderly, injured athletes, children and countless others in hospitals, home care agencies, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient clinics and nursing homes.

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge to successfully provide physical therapy interventions across a broad range of clinical settings under the guidance of a physical therapist
- Achieve adequate academic preparedness to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam for PTAs
- Demonstrate ability to use technology and electronic communication
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

Accreditation and Program Availability

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949, 415 506 0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at accjc.org.

The Physical Therapist Assistant programs at the Boise, Las Vegas, Mesa and Pleasant Hill campuses are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone 703 706 3245; email; mailto:accreditation@apta.org; website: capteonline.org. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at <http://www.capteonline.org/complaints/>.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is offered to new students at:

BOISE, ID
LAS VEGAS, NV

MESA, AZ
PLEASANT HILL, CA