

# Physical Therapist Assistant

## Associate of Science

### The ONLY PTA Program in NH or VT!

Physical Therapist Assistants, often called PTAs, work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists in a variety of healthcare settings. They help patients who are recovering from injuries and illnesses to regain movement and manage pain. The Physical Therapist Assistant Degree program also prepares students for the national PTA licensure examination.

The PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). <http://www.captionline.org>. The PTA program combines classroom and laboratory work at the college with two full-time (8 weeks & 10 weeks) supervised clinical education experiences. Once matriculated into the PTA program, all courses must be completed within three (3) years, unless special permission had been obtained from the Program Director.

Graduates earn an Associate of Science Degree. Upon passing the national exam, they are eligible to obtain licensure in any state for practice as a PTA. Full-time and part-time job opportunities are widespread.



**93%**

Job placement rate  
for RVCC graduates



**86%**

Of students receive  
financial aid

**Learn More!**



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### Career Outlook

	US	NH	VT
Annual Salary	\$67,160	\$69,590	\$68,040
Hourly Wage	\$32.29	\$33.46	\$32.71

Outlook based on 2024 Bureau of Labor Statistics data  
for Physical Therapist Assistants

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# Program of Study

## First Year: Fall Semester

	<u>Credits</u>
College Composition	4
Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Intro to Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy	1
Clinical Conditions for Occupational/Physical Therapy	3
Physical Therapy Procedures I	3
Foundations of Rehabilitation	3

## First Year: Spring Semester

Statistics I	4
Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Functional Kinesiology	3
Therapeutic Exercise	3
Physical Therapy Procedures II	3

## First Year: Summer Semester

PTA Clinical Practicum I	6
PTA Clinical Practicum I Seminar	1

## Second Year: Fall Semester

Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3-4
Introduction to Psychology	3
Physical & Occupational Therapy Management	2
Human Development	3
Clinical Neurology	2
Clinical Neurology Lab for PTA	1
Physical Therapy Procedures III	3

## Second Year: Spring Semester

PTA Clinical Practicum II Senior Seminar	2
PTA Clinical Practicum II	8

**67 – 69 Credits**

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