Program
The program at Rhodes State College provides the student with an excellent physical therapist assistant education encouraging personal and professional growth. The curriculum is a combination of general education, applied physical therapy sciences, technical skills and clinical education courses. The clinical rotations provide students with supervised clinical learning experiences in a variety of settings and with different patient populations.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student will be awarded an Associate in Applied Science Degree from Rhodes State College and is eligible to take the state licensure examination by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The state of Ohio requires licensure to practice physical therapy. Licensure enables the PTA to seek employment as a part of a dynamic health care team in a variety of health care settings such as hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, sports medicine clinics and outpatient treatment centers.

Career Opportunities
Physical therapist assistants (PTA) are skilled technical health personnel who provide physical therapy services under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants enhance the delivery of physical therapy services by providing delegated interventions such as therapeutic exercise, training in assistive devices, developmental activities, balance and gait training, application of thermal agents, postural training and instruction in body mechanics. Physical therapist assistants help with data collection and must demonstrate the ability to modify intervention techniques as indicated in the plan of care designated by the physical therapist. Excellent communication skills are also necessary for the physical therapist assistant.

The PTA must be able to interact with patients and families in a manner that provides the desired psychosocial support and effectively teach them to perform selected intervention procedures. PTAs also participate in discharge planning, document relevant aspects of the patient treatment, and promote effective interpersonal relationships. According to the 2010 Rhodes State College Graduate Survey of PTA graduates, the average starting salary was $40,500.
Acceptance Into Physical Therapist Assistant Program

1. Acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a separate application process. Please contact the Advising Office for the application packet. Application deadline for these programs is February 14, 2014.
   
   a. All students seeking consideration for these programs must complete the HOBET testing before February 14, 2014.
   
   b. Students who did not score at or above the minimum acceptable level on the placement test are required to successfully complete the respective developmental course(s) with a grade of “C” or higher in order to be considered for the acceptance process. The student must complete these developmental courses and maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher before he or she can be considered for the acceptance process. These courses do NOT count toward graduation.
   
   c. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program admits once per year for Summer Semester.

Technical Standards

All applicants accepted to Rhodes State College must be able to meet the technical standards of the program of study for which they enroll. Students are asked to review the standards and to sign a form certifying that they have read, understood, and are able to meet the standards. Students are provided the technical standards information upon selection of their program of study. A more detailed explanation is available in the College Catalog.

Accreditation

This program is fully accredited by The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

Inquiries regarding accreditation should be directed to:

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
1111 N. Fairfax Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 706-3245
email: accreditation@apta.org
website: http://www.capteonline.org

The program has been accredited since its inception in May 1993.

Program Mission Statement

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Rhodes State College exists to develop students into ethical, safe and critical thinking members of the health care team who assist physical therapists in the provision of physical therapy. The student-centered learning environment is managed by a core of qualified faculty which focuses on the delivery of a dynamic curriculum that strives to foster life-long learning, an appreciation for global diversity and advocacy for the PTA profession through community involvement and social responsibility.

Notice to Current or Prospective Physical Therapist Assistant Students

Students are at risk if you have been convicted of a prior felony and/or some misdemeanors. You may not be able to participate in clinical education experiences at some hospitals or other clinical sites; therefore preventing you from completing the program. A criminal record may also prevent you from obtaining a license or certificate in your chosen healthcare profession.

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