



**Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Degree Plan**

Prerequisite Semester	Semester credits
BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I*	4
ENGL1301 English Composition	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology**	3
SPCH 1305 Public Speaking**	<u>3</u>
	13 credits

Year One, Spring I	
PTHA 1100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PTHA 1105 Basic Patient Care Skills	4
PTHA 1110 Pathophysiology for the PTA	2
PTHA 1115 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	3
BIOL 2402 A&P II*	<u>4</u>
	16 credits

Year One, Summer	
PTHA 1200 Physical Agents	4
PTHA 1205 Therapeutic Exercise	3
PTHA 1210 Practicum I	<u>5</u>
	12 credits

Year Two, Fall	
PTHA 2100	
Management of Neurological Disorders	4
PTHA 2105 Rehabilitation Techniques	4
PTHA 2110 Orthopedics	2
PTHA 2115 Professional Issues	<u>2</u>
	12 credits

Year Two, Spring II	
PTHA 2200 Practicum II	5
PTHA 2205 Practicum III	5
PTHA 2210 Seminar	<u>3</u>
	13 credits

66 credits total

*Anatomy and Physiology I & II with Labs must have a GPA minimum of 2.9; Completion of A&P 1 and 2 with lab must be within the past 5 years.

**Acceptable PR Courses: PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development COMM 1301 Intro to Communications

Graduation from a physical therapist [assistant] education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Rio Grande Valley College is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE. On June 8, 2022, the program submitted an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the technical phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in technical courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. CAPTE Rules of Practice and Procedure 2021.12.3 55 Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.