



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

PREREQUISITE COURSES

Meet early with an Admissions Representative to ensure that all prerequisites and submission requirements are completed before applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

All prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program, or if currently enrolled in a prerequisite course, official grades must be submitted before the application deadline. However, if you are waiting for transcript grades you can still submit your application materials and upon receipt and review, the grades may be added as they become available prior to the deadline. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to acceptance and start of the technical part of the PTA Program.

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a “C” grade or better, and must have been completed within five years of the start of the program. Non-science prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
ENGL 1301	English Composition	3
BIOL 2401	Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab**	4
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
SPCH 1305	Public Speaking	3

*Acceptable Prerequisite Courses: PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development, COMM 1301 Intro to Communications. Download a copy of the program Degree Plan for your records

*Pre-requisite courses to be considered for transfer credit must meet minimum “C” better

**Completion of A&P 1 and 2 with lab must be within the last 5 years. A&P 2 is not an entrance requirement, but must be completed during Spring 1 Semester.

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.