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PROGRAM OF STUDY

Students that wish to apply to the PTA program must declare Health Science as his/her major with a dual major of Pre-PTA. If a student gains acceptance to the program, the student's major will be changed accordingly. If a student is not accepted, he/she may continue taking classes to complete the degree in health science.

The following courses are required for admission to the PTA program: ENGL 1101, MATH 1111, BIOL 2111K, BIOL 2112K, BIOL 2115K, POLS 1101, PSYC 2103, and a Humanities/Fine Arts course in place of COMM 1100 or 1110.

The PTA program is designed to be completed within two years; however, length may vary according to student achievement. Once accepted to enter the professional phase, the PTA program is designed to be completed in four semesters.

Fall Semester	**Sem. Hours**
PTAS 1100 - Intro to Physical Therapy	2
PTAS 1110 - Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	4
PTAS 1125 - Physical Agents	4
PTAS 1130 - Clinical Pathology	3
Total:	**13**
Spring Semester	
PTAS 1105 - Orientation to Patient Care Skills	3
PTAS 1121 - Therapeutic Exercise I	4
PTAS 1115 - Applied Neurology & Gait Analysis	3
PTAS 2010 - Clinical Practicum I	2
Total:	**12**
Summer Semester	
PTAS 1122 - Therapeutic Exercise for Special Populations	4
PTAS 2050 - Therapeutic Exercise II	3
PTAS 2100 - Neurological Rehabilitation	3
PTAS 2200 - Seminar for PTA I	2
Total:	**12**
Fall Semester	
PTAS 2020 - Clinical Practicum II	5
PTAS 2025 - Clinical Practicum III	5
PTAS 2200 - Seminar for PTA II	2
Total:	**12**
Two-year Total:	**74**

About Darton State College

Darton State College is a state college within the University System of Georgia, offering 54 transfer program options, 41 career and certificate program options, 40+ online programs and a bachelor's degree in nursing. It is located on a 180-acre campus in Albany, the hub of Southwest Georgia. A strong tradition of academic excellence prepares graduates to enter the workforce or transfer to a four-year institution.

Darton offers a network of support services, including career counseling, extensive library holdings, Learning Support labs, Honors Program, computer labs, and financial assistance. Housing is available. Students have the opportunity to participate in a strong arts program at Darton – no matter what their major.

For More Information:

http://www.darton.edu/PTAS
Physical Therapist Assistant Program:
(229) 317-6900
Admissions: (229) 317-6740
Financial Aid: (229) 317-6746

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

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"The passion the instructors have for the profession shines through every day, and for me it truly makes a difference in learning."

Tim Dean
Graduate, PTA Class of 2011

Mission

The mission of the DSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to graduate knowledgeable, competent, self-assured, adaptable, and service-oriented entry-level physical therapist assistants to meet the needs of the community, state, and profession.

Career Outlook

The starting salary range in Southwest Georgia varies greatly based on need and clinical setting. For licensed PTAs, the starting range is anywhere between $45,000 and $55,000.

Scope of Service

Physical Therapist Assistants work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Job functions include implementing treatment interventions based on the plan of care, assisting patients with exercises and functional activities, administering modalities, performing data collection, and reporting patient responses to the physical therapist.

Specific interventions are designed to meet functionally oriented goals. PTAs treat patients ranging in age from infants to the elderly.

Work Settings

Physical Therapist Assistants work in a variety of settings including:

- Acute care hospitals
- Rehabilitation and geriatric centers
- Community health (home health and school systems)
- Industry
- Sports medicine
- Outpatient Clinics

Special Aspects of the Program

- Three off-campus clinical experiences - Clinical I (Fridays only, eight hours for six weeks), Clinicals II and III (two consecutive 40 hr./wk for seven weeks, during the last semester)
- Full-time program (day and evening classes required)

Licensure

Upon completion of the two-year program, students will earn an Associate of Science Degree and are academically eligible to take the National Licensing Examination through the preferred jurisdiction.

PTA Program Admission

The PTA Program begins each fall semester. Deadline for submission of the following is June 1. To be considered for admission to the program, the applicant must:

- Complete the requirements for admission to Darton State College
- Complete and submit the PTA program application

- Documentation of a minimum of 40 observational hours in one or more physical therapy settings under the supervision of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, and submission of hand written essay
- Must have a minimum of 3.0 (out of 4.0) cumulative GPA or 3.0 GPA over the last 40 hours of coursework completed.
- Must have a minimum of 3.0 (out of 4.0) GPA of all prerequisite coursework with no grade below a C. (Please note the grades received in MATH 1111 and BIOL 2111K/2112K will be scored twice in the computation of the prerequisite GPA.)
- It is recommended that all prerequisites be completed prior to June 1; however, MATH 1111 and BIOL 2111K/2112K must be completed prior to submission of the application.

The top 40 applicants are invited for interviews; within one month of the deadline, a class of 20 students is chosen to begin fall semester. Please note, the PTA Program is not a"stepping stone" to physical therapy school.

Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. For additional accreditation information, contact the Commission at 111 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria,Virginia.

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I am interested in attending Darton State College.
Please send me an application and additional information.

E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: (home/cell) _____ (work) _____

Name of High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

College(s) Attended: _____

Intended Major(s): _____

Areas of Interest: _____