

Ivy Tech Community College — Lake County

Northwest Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Crown Point, Indiana

Accreditation

Ivy Tech Community College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Ivy Tech Community College – the Northwest Associate of Science Physical Therapist Assistant Program (ASPTA), is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) through June 30th, 2023.

CAPTE: 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia, 22305-3085; telephone: 703-684- 2782 or 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

Direct access to program information can be attained from the PTA Program Chairperson, Dr. Dawn D. Bancsi, PT, DPT, MPT, at 219-981-1111 x 2406 or by email at dsinickimeves@ivytech.edu.

All full-time and adjunct faculty participate in the requirements for successful acquisition and retention of accreditation. Students participate in the accreditation process through academic performance, licensure performance, and possible consultation with CAPTE representatives at any necessary site visits.

Vital Program Statistics

Graduation Rate:

The PTA Program meets the PTA Program outcomes, with the 2-year cohort (2020 and 2021 graduating classes) graduating at 84%. The PTA Program meets the PTA Program outcomes with the 2-year cohort (2021 and 2022 graduating classes, as of this update) graduating at 82%. These numbers are currently at/above the national standards for graduation rates.

National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTAE) – licensing examination rate:

As of the 2/6/2023, FSBPT Pass Rate Report, the first-time pass rate for the 2021 and 2022 students combined is 73.5%. The ultimate pass rate for these students combined is 85.29%. Unfortunately, educational procedure adaptations within the program required as protective measures during COVID negatively affected program outcomes on the NPTAE.

The first-time pass rate for the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021 is 82.8%. The ultimate pass rate for these students combined is 91.43%. The 2020 graduates earned a 100% first-time pass rate, and the 2019 graduates achieved a 100% ultimate pass rate.

Employment Rate:

Graduates of the PTA Program have consistently reported success in employment following successful completion of the program. Based upon available data from surveyed 2019, 2020, and 2021 graduates, 100% of graduates report being employed within one (1) year following graduation if actively pursuing employment using either the temporary license process or, having completed the national examination, their Physical Therapist Assistant licensure/certificate.

Physical Therapist Assistant Program - Admission Criteria

Admission is dependent upon several factors, which are listed below. The Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee reserves the right to determine eligibility for acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. The Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee will review all applications and ***select 30 applicants per year*** for the program. Admission is based upon a total point accumulation with students ranked from highest to lowest, the students with the highest scores, limited by the number of students set for admission to a given cohort, are provided acceptance into the program. *Applicants with equal ranking will be chosen by the highest cumulative grade point average found on the ITCC transcript.* The program admits qualified applicants according to these standards regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or veteran status who meet the essential skills of a physical therapist assistant.

Requirements

1. **Completion of high school or equivalency.** Students must be able to prove high school graduation or equivalency upon request. The diploma is NOT submitted during application.
2. **Acceptance to Ivy Tech Community College.** Admission to ITCC must be completed before applying to the PTA Program. *Students must FIRST be ITCC students to apply to the PTAS Program.* (<https://www.ivytech.edu/how-to-enroll/index.html>)
3. **A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50** on a 4.00 scale according to the cumulative GPA of the Ivy Tech Community College transcript. The ITCC cumulative GPA is used as a tie-breaker.
4. **Completion of program prerequisites by the end of the spring semester of the application year:**
 1. Introduction to the Physical Therapist Assistant 101 (PTAS 101)
 2. Anatomy & Physiology 101 and Anatomy & Physiology 102
 3. English Composition 111 (ENGL 111)
 4. Physical Science 111 (SCIN 111)

5. *Note: Students can be enrolled in the spring semester when applying. The deadline for classes would be at grade submission for that spring. Summer classes are not accepted*
6. **Currently, there are no age limits for prerequisite or general education courses**
7. **Required general education courses for graduation from the PTAS Program.**
 1. COMM 101 or COMM 102, IVYT 1XX, MATH 136*, PSYC 101, and SOCI III
 2. Students must review entrance testing to learn what math classes will be required to complete Math 136 (this could include Math 023 or Math 100 to be then able to register for Math 136, depending upon individual student readiness).
8. **Submission of a *complete and timely* application to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program School of Health Sciences online application process.**
 1. Use the following website for the PTA Programs of ITTC and the online application process: <https://www.ivytech.edu/programs/all-academic-programs/school-of-health-sciences/physical-therapist-assistant/#half-width-details-5>
Be sure to scroll to “Resources by Campus” to find the PTA Handbook for Lake County
 2. Online application will open from March 15th, 2023, to May 15th, 2023
 3. *Late applications will NOT be considered.*

Points for the application process:

PTAS 101 – A = 60 points, B = 40 points, C = 20 points

APHY 101 – A = 30 points, B = 20 points, C = 10 points

APHY 102 - A = 30 points, B = 20 points, C = 10 points

ENGL 111 – A = 15 points, B = 10 points, C = 5 points

SCIN 111 – A = 15 points, B = 10 points, C = 5 points

Total available points: 150 points - Ties broken: spring semester ITCC GPA

NOTE: The PTA Program no longer requires the TEAS Test.