

**Physical Therapist Assistant 510899 PTA  
Career Degree - Wallace Linkage**

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The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a skilled technical health worker who, under the supervision of a Registered Physical Therapist, assists in patients' treatment programs. The assistant, following established procedures, carries out a planned patient-care program. Duties of the Physical Therapist Assistant are varied but include rehabilitation of orthopedic, neurological, pediatric, and sports-related problems. Physical Therapist Assistants are employed in general hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health-care agencies, private practices, and other specialized health-care settings.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is a two-year course of study. The student should complete the first year of general education course prerequisites before being eligible to apply to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Three semesters are necessary to complete the final year of the program, which begins in the fall semester. The second year classes include technical and clinical experience in a variety of health-care settings where the student performs selected clinical procedures under the supervision of a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant.

See program webpage for accreditation information. Graduates will be eligible to apply to sit for the National Licensing Examination for the Physical Therapist Assistant, administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant.

**Acceptance to Wallace State College does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapist Program.**

**General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.**

**Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.**

**Semester Hours**

*BIO 201-202 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II .....	8
ENG 101 English Composition I .....	3
**Humanities/Fine Art Elective .....	3
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra .....	3
OAD 211 Medical Terminology .....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development .....	3
SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>29</b>

**\*Biology 103 highly recommended**

**\*\*Ethics in the Health Science or Spanish is recommended.**

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree. Wallace State enrolls students in this program competitively and only in certain terms. See your advisor.

**Respiratory Therapy 510899 RT  
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This program is designed to provide training necessary for successful completion of the requirements for the advanced practitioner level as defined by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). A respiratory therapist is responsible for administering under a physician's prescription many types of breathing therapeutics and utilizing specialized breathing, aerosol, and humidification equipment. The respiratory therapist works closely with the physician and also directly with the patient in the treatment situation.

The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs in association with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Upon graduation, the student is eligible to take the registry examination of the National Board of Respiratory Care.

**General Required Courses to be Completed at Northwest-Shoals Community College.**

**Entering students are required to complete ORI 101. Transfer students are exempt from this requirement.**

**Semester Hours**

*BIO 201-202 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II ....	8
ENG 101-102 English Composition I and II .....	6
MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra .....	3
PSY 200 General Psychology .....	3
Humanities/Fine Art Elective .....	3
<b>Total Semester Hours .....</b>	<b>23</b>

**\*Biology 103 highly recommended**

BIO 201, ENG 101, and MTH 100 must be completed by the June 15 application deadline. The other courses may be completed at Wallace.

Students must complete specialized courses at Wallace State to receive this degree. Wallace State enrolls students in this program competitively beginning in fall semester. See your advisor.