

## What Makes a Successful PTA Student?

- You must be ready to focus on your academic preparation. The heavy science and professional emphasis requires increased study and dedication over other programs.
- The demands placed upon PTA students in the academic and practical portions of the program and later in clinical settings make good physical and mental health essential.
- A high standard of neatness, cleanliness and good grooming is essential.
- Essential functions are prerequisite skills that have been identified by the program faculty and our advisory committee and are posted on the program webpage to help you decide if this is the program for you.



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## Physical Therapist Assistant Program





## The Career

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) perform physical therapy interventions and related tasks under the supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT). They assist the PT by providing services that help patients suffering from injuries or disease improve their mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent disabilities.

Physical Therapy is a dynamic, hands-on profession. PTAs perform a wide variety of tasks which may include active or passive exercise, physical agents for pain relief and healing, massage, instruction in the use of assistive devices for walking, hydrotherapy, wound care, prevention, wellness, and much more. PTAs also

document the patient's progress during treatment and report the results to their supervising PT.

The PTA works in hospitals, private practices, community health centers, corporate or industrial health centers, sports facilities, research institutions, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, schools, pediatric centers, and colleges and universities. PTAs generally work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, with some settings having weekend or evening hours as well.

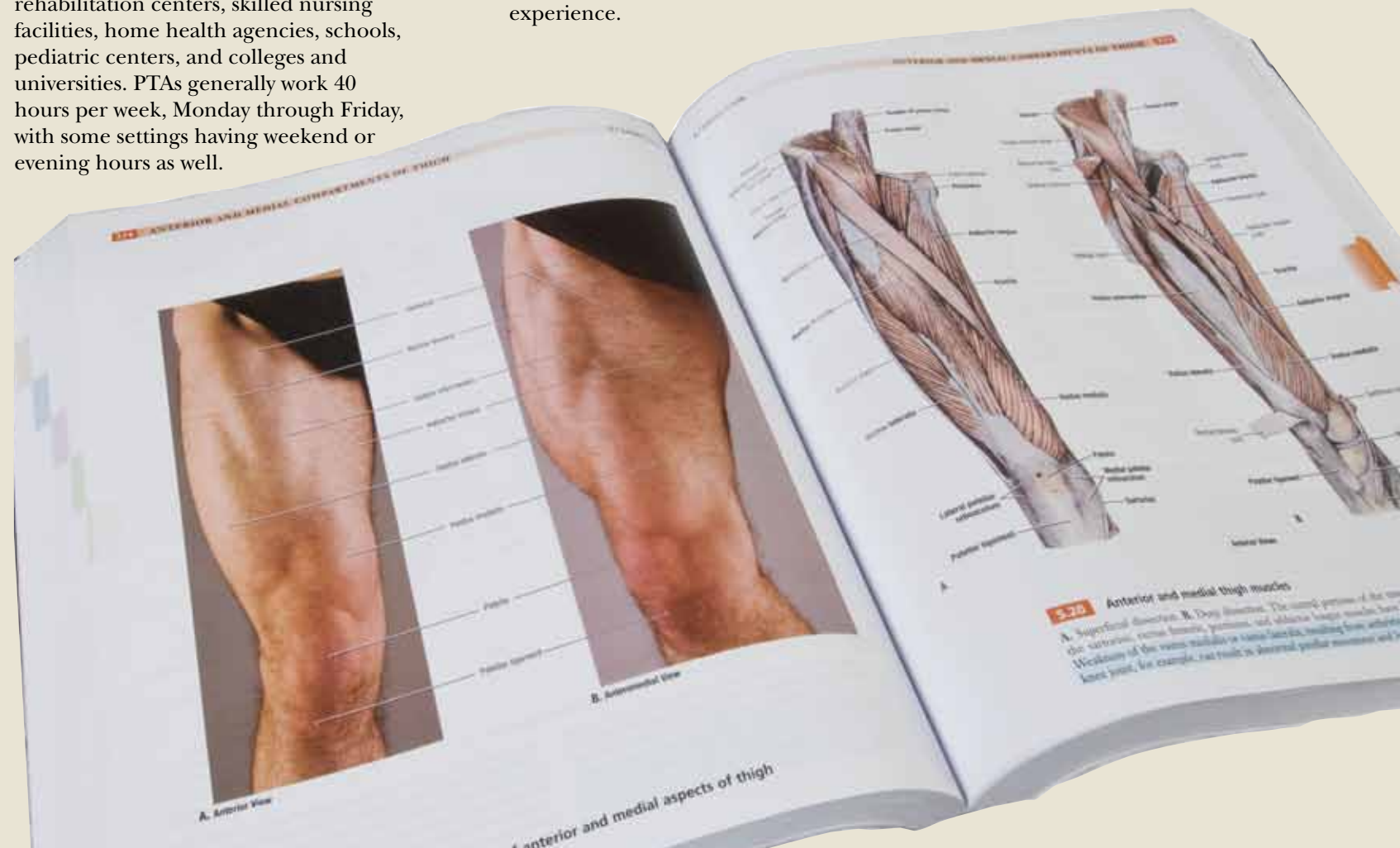
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## Certification

PTAs in New York State must have earned an associate degree from an accredited physical therapist assistant program or its equivalent. After graduation the PTA takes a National Board Licensing exam to be certified in NYS. Other requirements include certification in CPR and First Aid and a minimum number of hours of clinical experience.

## Job Outlook

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, employment for the PTA is expected to grow by 29 percent through 2016, a much faster rate than the average for all occupations.



## Why choose HCCC for PTA?

- Our established program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Two full-time Physical Therapist faculty members have years of experience in a variety of clinical settings and are dedicated to your success
- Small classes and labs allow students to receive individualized, personal attention
- Our state-of-the-art equipment and access to technology enhance your learning
- Areas of study include both theoretical and practical knowledge, but emphasize the practical applications
- You will have the opportunity to complete three full-time clinical affiliations at a variety of clinical facilities for a total of 15 weeks
- Our active PTA club has been able to send many members to attend national physical therapy meetings in San Diego, Boston and Nashville
- Beautiful campus and facilities
- Affordable tuition
- Articulation agreements which allow transfer opportunities to Clarkson University, American International College & Becker College

*PTA is expected to grow by 29 percent over the next 10 years*

*Whether you are changing careers or graduating from high school, HCCC is the place for you!*