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 - 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.


Direct access for 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 necessary 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 (2019 and 2020 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:

Based upon FSBPT reports, jurisdiction websites for licensure, graduation surveys, and student self-report, the PTA Program exceeds the PTA Program outcomes regarding passage rates for the two graduating classes of 2019 and 2020. The first time pass rate for these students combined is 94.6%. The ultimate pass rate for these students combined is 100%.
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 and 2020 graduates, 100% of graduates report being employed within one (1) year following graduation if actively pursuing employment using either the temporary license process and/or having successfully completed the national examination with 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 generally select 30 applicants per year into 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 prior to application to the PTA Program. Students must FIRST be an ITCC student 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 Ivy Tech Community College transcript cumulative GPA. The ITCC cumulative GPA is used as tie breaker.
4. Completion of program prerequisites by the end of 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. 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 the Math 136 (this could include Math 023 and/or Math 100) to then be 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 to the PTA Programs of ITTC and the online application process: https://www.ivytech.edu/physical-therapist-assistant/index.html
   2. Online application will open March 23rd, 2022 and close May 17th, 2022
   3. Auto-select rounds will occur as follows:
      1. Auto-Select: May 21, 2022 - June 1st, 2022
         1. Round 1 - 5/21 Expire 5/22 (11:59pm Eastern Time)
         2. Round 2 - 5/23 Expire 5/24
         3. Round 3 - 5/25 Expire 5/26
         4. Round 4 - 5/27 Expire 5/28
         5. Round 5 - 5/29 Expire 5/30
         6. Round 6 - 5/31 Expire 6/1
   2. Manual Selection would begin June 3rd, 2022

4. Late applications will NOT be considered.

Points for 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.