Ivy Tech Community College — Lake County

Northwest Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Crown Point, Indiana

Accreditation

The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools accredits Ivy Tech Community College. 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, 2032.

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 obtained from the PTA Program Chairperson, Dr. Dawn D. Bancsi, PT, DPT, MPT, at 219-981-1111, extension 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, if necessary, consultation with CAPTE representatives during site visits.

Vital Program Statistics

Graduation Rate:
The PTA Program meets the PTA Program outcomes, with the 2-year cohort (comprising the 2023 and 2024 graduating classes) achieving a graduation rate of 82.93%.

National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTAE) – licensing examination rate:
As of July 8, 2025, the FSBPT Pass Rate Report indicates that the first-time pass rate for the 2023-2024 students combined is 77.14%. The ultimate pass rate for these students combined is 91.43%.

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 2023-2024 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 on a total point accumulation, with students' scores ranked from highest to lowest. The students with the highest scores, limited by the number of students admitted to a given cohort, are offered acceptance into the program. *Applicants with equal rankings will be chosen based on the highest cumulative grade point average found on their ITCC transcript at the end of their application semester*.

The program admits qualified applicants per the following standards, as described below. Ivy Tech Community College prohibits discrimination based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by local, state, or federal law or regulation in admission to its education programs. (See: *ASOM 9.2* for complete statement).

Requirements

1. **Completion of high school or equivalency**. Students must be able to provide proof of high school graduation or equivalency upon request. The diploma is NOT submitted during the 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/admissions/)
3. **A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50** on a 4.00 scale according to the cumulative GPA by the end of the application semester on the Ivy Tech Community College transcript. The ITCC cumulative GPA serves as a tiebreaker.
4. **Completion of program *prerequisites by the end of the application semester.***
    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 semester in which they apply. The deadline for classes would be the grade submission for that application semester. Courses completed after the application deadline are not acceptable.*
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 the math prerequisites or pretesting required to enroll in the MATH 136 course.
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. The online applications open and close at designated times for each application cycle:
        - March 15th through May 15th for spring applications (fall enrollment)
        - August 15th through October 22nd for fall applications (spring enrollment)
        - *Late applications will <u>NOT</u> be considered.*

<u>Points for the application process:</u>

- 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 - Ties broken: application semester, ITCC GPA

- Students with a grade of D or F in these classes are not eligible to apply and will not be accepted into the program.

- ***<u>Online acceptance is conditional:</u>***

    o If accepted erroneously in the system, the program chairperson will contact the applicant.

    o Students must complete various requirements before enrolling in the PTAS program to confirm acceptance.