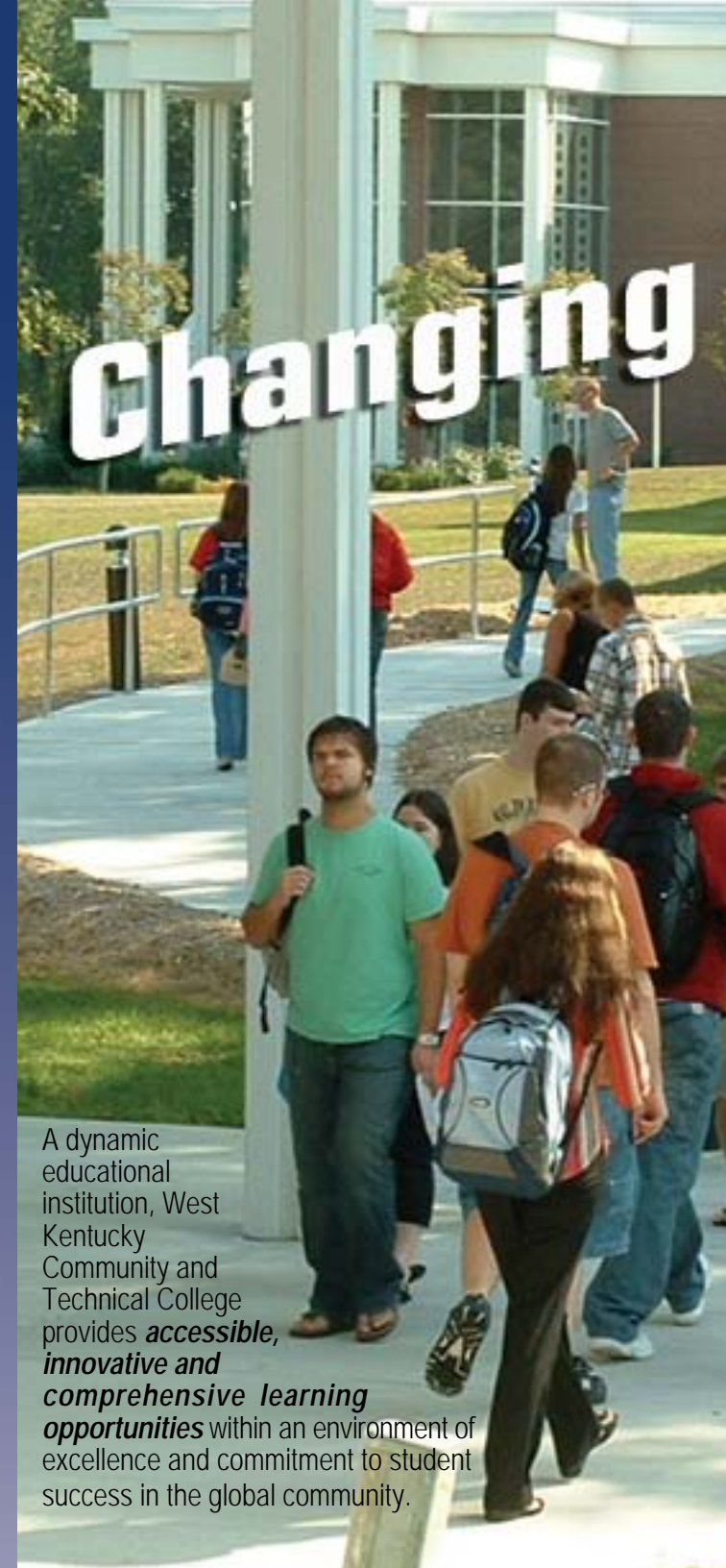




# WEST KENTUCKY COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE



## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

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A dynamic educational institution, West Kentucky Community and Technical College provides **accessible, innovative and comprehensive learning opportunities** within an environment of excellence and commitment to student success in the global community.

# Make a Difference - Be a Physical Therapist Assistant

If you would like to make a difference in the quality of someone's personal health, consider a career as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). PTAs work with persons of all ages, utilizing various treatment techniques and educational methods to assist individuals in maximizing recovery from injury or disease.



A physical therapist assistant also works to keep people safe from injury whether at work or at play. By helping individuals increase their overall fitness levels through programs designed to increase muscular strength, flexibility, and endurance, PTAs help people maintain personal health and vitality.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) is to offer a quality AAS degree program designed to provide direct entry into the job market and meet the service needs of the area.

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program at WKCTC

West Kentucky Community and Technical College's PTA program prepares the individual to become a skilled assistant working under the supervision of a physical therapist.

The PTA student is trained to provide essential patient services to prevent and alleviate physical impairment, and restore function. The curriculum combines general education and PTA courses. Community health agencies are utilized for clinical training.

The graduate is eligible to sit for the national licensing examination for physical therapist assistants. Successful completion of this examination enables the graduate to apply for certification in Kentucky and other states.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

Graduates earn an Associate in Applied Science degree.

### Program Length:

The recommended course sequence is five semesters.



## Financial Aid

West Kentucky Community and Technical College participates in a full range of federal and state financial aid programs that include grants, loans, and work-study.

For information on any of these programs, contact the College's Financial Aid Office by phoning (270) 534-3248.

The College also awards academic scholarships to first-time freshmen and continuing students. Scholarship information may be obtained in the Anderson Technical Building or by phoning (270) 534-3408.

Loans for physical therapist assistant students may be available from the Kentucky Physical Therapy association ([www.kpta.org](http://www.kpta.org)) and from the American Physical Therapy Association ([www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org)).

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## Frequently Asked Questions.....

- Q. How do I apply for this program?**  
A. Students wishing to enter the program must also apply for admission to West Kentucky Community and Technical College. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is a selective admission program. To apply, students must attend a pre-admission conference. For dates and more information, please contact Peggy Block, PTA Coordinator at (270) 534-3464 or visit the website at [allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/pta](http://allied.westkentucky.kctcs.edu/pta).
- Q. What is the difference between a PTA and a physical therapist?**  
A. Physical therapists are responsible for the initial evaluation of the patient and direct the plan of care. Following two years of instruction, the PTA earns an Associate of Applied Science Degree, and works under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Q. Is the PTA program a stepping stone to a physical therapy program?**  
A. No. The PTA Program is a technical program and does not require the same prerequisite courses needed to enter a physical therapy program.
- Q. Where do PTAs work?**  
A. PTAs work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers, private industry, nursing homes, home health agencies, sporting facilities, schools, pediatric centers, and colleges and universities.