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# Physical Therapist Assistant

## **Mission**

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New River Community and Technical College serves nine counties in southeast and south central West Virginia: Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers and Webster. Administrative offices are located in Beckley.

The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S) degree in Physical Therapist Assistant is offered at the following location:

**Center for Rehabilitation Services and Medical Assisting Education**  
109 E Main St  
Beckley, WV 25801-4627  
304.929.3324

866.349.3739  
[www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu)

## **Program Overview**

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant is an intensive five-semester program designed to provide the student with the technical education required to sit for the Physical Therapist Assistant National Physical Therapy Examination. Physical Therapist Assistants work under direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Their duties include instructing patients in exercises and activities of daily living; administering therapeutic modalities (electrical stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, mechanical traction, etc.), utilization of assistive equipment, and other patient care procedures; communicating with patients, families, caregivers, physicians, and other health care workers; and documenting the patients' status.

**Job Outlook:** Licensed physical therapist assistants find employment opportunities in such settings as hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, rehabilitation centers, school systems, sports medicine facilities and private practices.

**Ready to get started?** Apply by visiting [www.newriver.edu](http://www.newriver.edu) and clicking on the **Apply Now** tab. For additional information, email [admissions@newriver.edu](mailto:admissions@newriver.edu) or contact the Raleigh County Campus Office of Admissions at 304.929.5475 or 304.929.5469.

**Financial Assistance:** Financial assistance may be available for students who qualify. To submit a request for Federal Student Aid, complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). New River CTC's school code is 039603. For additional information, email [finaid@newriver.edu](mailto:finaid@newriver.edu) or call 304.929.6723.

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The offices listed below have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies relating to disabilities or sex discrimination, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title IX.  
Inquiries: Leah Taylor, Vice President of Administrative Services, Phone: 304.929.6701

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**Program Application and Admission:** The Physical Therapist Assistant program is selective admission, meaning that students must apply to and be accepted in the program before enrolling in any course with a PTHA prefix. Acceptance to New River and meeting the program application requirements do not guarantee admission.

Students must complete or be enrolled in the program's 30 credit hours of prerequisite courses for admission to the program. Equivalent pre-requisite courses may be completed at any college or university; New River students are not given preference during the selection process.

Persons with a felony conviction may not be eligible for licensure based on terms and conditions of the state in which they intend to apply.

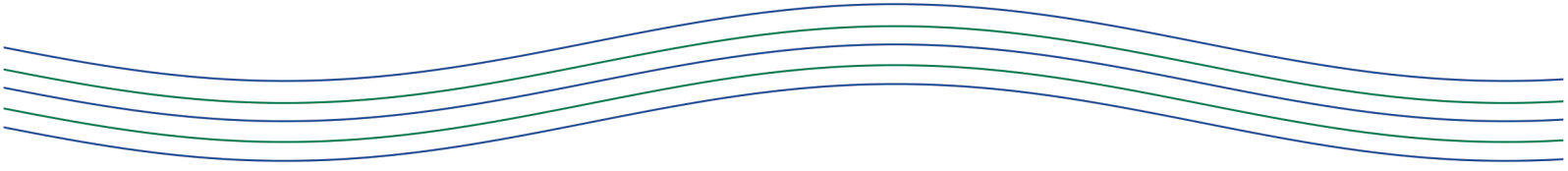
All prerequisite courses of the curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher by the end of the traditional fall semester prior to the start of a new class. Students must have an overall GPA of at least 2.75 for all college-level work. The application process also includes submission of a program application and documentation of at least 40 volunteer hours under the direction of a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. Volunteer hours must be completed within two different settings (home health hours will not be accepted). All PTA application materials including the program application and documentation of completed volunteer hours must be submitted to the PTA Program by the student in a single envelope. Application materials may be hand delivered or mailed to the PTA Program and must be received on or before 4 p.m. on April 30. If April 30 falls on a weekend, application materials are due the Friday prior to April 30. Students are not permitted to submit application materials to any other New River CTC office. Faxed or e-mailed information will not be accepted.

Students must take all courses with a PTHA prefix in sequence, with a minimum grade of C in all courses. The program includes a series of three off-campus clinical education experiences. Students are required to work during the days and hours of operation of their assigned facility. Every effort is made to place students in facilities that disrupt their domestic arrangements as little as possible, but the primary purpose of the clinical experiences is to ensure that each student gains the variety of experience required to become a competent entry-level physical therapist assistant. Expenses, including travel, food, and housing (if necessary), are the responsibility of the student.

Students interested in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program are strongly encouraged to schedule an advising appointment with the Program Director. Advising is essential to assuring accuracy of information, clarification of questions, and for scheduling required prerequisite courses. Please call 304.929.3324 or e-mail [trahal@newriver.edu](mailto:trahal@newriver.edu) to schedule an advising appointment.

**Eligibility for Licensure:** Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone 703-706-3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org) is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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