Kaskaskia College PTA Program
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Physical Therapist Assistant Program Accredited by Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

Date of Initial Accreditation: 10/96 **Current Status:** Accredited

Next Visit: Anticipated Spring 2030

Five-year History: Accredited

Degree Conferred: Associate in Applied Science

General Program Description:
The PTA program at Kaskaskia College follows a Hybrid Curriculum Model that requires five semesters of study including three full-time clinical internships. There are two full-time faculty members, one who has administrative responsibilities. In addition, there are two program tutors available. Students spend 16 hours of required general education courses, 41 technical hours, and 17 clinical hours for a total of 74 credit hours. Graduation is in May. There is equal distribution between traditional and non-traditional students.

Clinical Experiences:
Clinical sites are varied and include large metro and rural hospitals, rehabilitation agencies, nursing homes, skilled care units, and Centers of Excellence. Clinical Internships consist of one part-time clinical experience and three full-time clinical experiences: Introduction to Clinical Internship in the second semester that provides clinical site visits that are supervised by faculty; Clinical Internship I that is in the third semester following the second semester that consists of one 6-week rotation; Clinical Internship II that takes place in the fourth semester and consists of one 6-week rotation. Clinical Internship III that takes place in the fifth or spring semester that consists of one 7-week rotation.

Faculty:
There are two full-time and one adjunct faculty members. All three faculty members are actively engaged in clinical practice. The faculty-to-student ratio is 1:24 for lecture classes and preferred 1:14 for lab classes.

Enrollment:
Approximately 13 students applied for entrance for Fall 2026. The PTA Program plans for a cohort size no larger than 24 students.

Admission:
Requirements and procedures for admission are as follows: application for admission to the college; a program admission worksheet; high school transcript of high school equivalency scores and if applicable, a college transcript; 9 documented hours of observation in at least three physical therapy facilities within 1 year prior to admission to the program; verification of placement in English 101 and Math 101 through either ACT/SAT scores or Kaskaskia College placement scores, or through completed course work within the last 5 years; and completion of the following prerequisite courses through two high school semesters or one college semester with a grade of C or above: biology and algebra. Students who have met all other admission requirements are notified of the date and time of freshman orientation after application

close. Approximately 100% of qualified applicants are accepted to the program (2-year average for students admitted in 2023 and 2024).

Outcomes:
65% of admitted students graduated from the program (2-year average for graduates of 2025 and 2026); 75% of graduates passed the licensure exam on their first attempt with 83% passing on second attempt (2-year average for graduates of 2025 and 2026); and 100% of those program graduates responding to surveys are employed (2-year average for graduates of 2025 and 2026).
Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid:
The average cost of in-district tuition for the program is $12,118.00. Including additional fees, students are responsible for the cost of books, insurance, physical exam (including all necessary immunizations), and transportation to clinical sites. Total cost of the program is estimated at $16,510.00. Information concerning financial assistance may be obtained from the Kaskaskia College Financial Aid Office.

Student Life:
Kaskaskia College is located in rural southern Illinois. The main campus houses the PTA program in the Professional & Career Building, which was completed in May 2007. As a community college, the college serves several area towns within a 60-mile radius. The college is 55 miles east of St Louis, Missouri, and the area offers an active variety of college activities as well as a variety of outdoor activities. If a student requires special academic or personal accommodation due to a disability, please refer to the following procedure: contact the office of the program in which you are enrolled. If additional services are required, please call the Office of Disability Services at ext. 3062. Students with hearing impairment can access the college using the Illinois Relay Center TDD 800/526-0844.