

Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy

(Hampton Campus) Course #8365/8366

Verified credit w/ CPTA or PTAC Credentialing Exam

Health Sciences

Do You Like?

- Helping People
- Working with Patients & Clients
- Problem Solving
- Creative Thinking
- Being Part of a Team

..... Then this is the program for you!

About the program:

Students in this one-year program are provided an introduction to the professional of physical and occupational therapy. Students explore the principles and practices of therapists in the health care industry and participate in clinical observation under the direct supervision of a licensed physical and/or occupational therapist. Clinical skills in the area of physical therapy and occupational therapy enable students to gain understanding of rehabilitative care, which is practiced throughout the continuum of care and across the life span of individuals. After successful completion of this course, students may seek higher education for specific degrees/licensure in a variety of fields such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, sports medicine, athletic training, chiropractic medicine, biology, or exercise science.

Topics of study:

- Rehabilitation Field & Careers
- Overview of Physical & Occupational Therapy
- Ethical & Legal Issues
- Understanding Applied Anatomy
- Maintaining a Safe Patient Environment
- Effective Communication

Career Opportunities:

- Exercise Physiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Occupational Therapist Assistant
- Physical Therapist
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Physical Therapy Aide
- Recreation Therapist

Job Outlook: (US Bureau of Labor Statistics)

- OT Aide – Median Salary \$29,200
- PT Aide – Median Salary \$25,730
- OT Assistant – Median Salary \$59,310
- PT Assistant – Median Salary \$57,430
- OT – Median Salary \$83,200
- PT – Median Salary \$86,850

Prerequisites: Students must have successfully completed Biology and Algebra with a grade of “B” or better.

Certifications:

- Certified Physical Therapy Aide Exam (CPTA)
- Physical Therapy Aide Certification (PTAC)