A licensed physical therapist assistant works under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist to provide rehabilitation services for patients and clients, participates in teaching and research activities, and may manage a physical therapy department. Physical therapist assistants work with patients of all ages in a variety of settings, including:

- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Home health agencies
- Private clinics
- Rehabilitation clinics
- School systems and pediatric centers
- Sports medicine centers
- Aquatic therapy centers

The national market for physical therapist assistants is excellent, with the U.S. Department of Labor predicting a “much faster than average” growth through 2018. In 2010, the national median salary for a physical therapist assistant was $49,690. Actual salaries vary by experience, region and practice setting.
ABOUT KENT STATE’S REGIONAL SYSTEM

Kent State University offers one of the largest regional campus systems in the nation, offering programs from computer technology and nursing to arts and humanities.

Regional Campus students gain the advantage of an internationally renowned university with the friendly, casual atmosphere of small liberal arts colleges.

The seven Regional Campuses offer certificate, associate and bachelor degree programs. Students may attend full time or part time, days, evenings, weekends and online. Class schedules are developed to meet the needs of students who have just graduated from high school or adult learners who are working and have family responsibilities.

Small class sizes, affordable tuition and one-on-one advising are just a few reasons why more than 15,000 students attend Kent State’s Regional Campuses.

Kent State Regional Campuses are not only major employers within their communities, but also centers of culture, education and outreach.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY
Associate of Applied Science Degree

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The curriculum in the Associate of Applied Science degree in physical therapist assistant technology prepares students to be licensed, and to work as a physical therapist assistant under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

For associate degree program requirements, visit www.kent.edu/gps > Explore Associate Degrees > Search By Degree > AAS > PTST.

This Program Will Prepare You

The Kent State University Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) curriculum is designed to prepare you to become a licensed physical therapist assistant who will:

• Sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and be eligible for licensure.

• Work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

• Practice in an ethical, legal and safe manner as a physical therapist assistant.

• Effectively communicate with members of the healthcare team, patients and their families.

• Implement physical therapy interventions.

• Collect data to assess patient status.
Who is Eligible?

Students who meet the following minimum qualifications:

• Accepted as a student to Kent State University
• Minimum 2.70 grade point average (GPA) from the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more
• High school or college-level biology, algebra and physics
• Complete the developmental coursework as prescribed by admissions assessments
• Minimum 40 total hours of observation time in at least two physical therapy settings
• Submit an application to the PTA Program

The PTA Program accepts up to 28 students annually to the PTST major on both campuses. When there are more applicants than available positions, selective admissions criteria is used to identify the most qualified candidates. Students interested in applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program should consult the current Application and Information Packet, which is available online or by contacting either campus.

Kent State University at Ashtabula:
440-964-4252
www.ashtabula.kent.edu/ptst

Kent State University at East Liverpool:
330-382-7448
www.eliv.kent.edu/academics/eastliverpool/ptst
At Kent State University, you’ll benefit from smaller class sizes that allow for more personalized attention from our highly qualified, caring faculty. You may also attend classes outside of the physical therapist assistant curriculum at any of the eight campuses including many online courses. Should you choose to continue your education, many of the credits earned in this program can be applied toward a bachelor’s degree.

Kent State is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Associate Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 111 North Fairfax Street Alexandria, Va. 22314 Tel: 703-706-3245 email: accreditation@apta.org website: www.capteonline.org