WHY STUDY PHYSICAL THERAPY?

A licensed physical therapist assistant works under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist to provide rehabilitation services for patients and clients, participate 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

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.

This degree is granted by Kent State University at Ashtabula.

Job Outlook

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. The dual certification of ATC/PTA can improve your marketability and job opportunities, however actual salaries vary by experience, region and practice setting.
WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Kent State University Associate of Applied Science degree in physical therapist assistant technology recognizes that students who are also athletic trainers have valuable knowledge and clinical experience. This experience allows board-certified athletic trainers to smoothly transition to the physical therapy profession and earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Technology - Athletic Trainer Transition (PTST-ATT) concentration is the first accredited physical therapist assistant program in North America to specifically design a curriculum that builds on the athletic trainer education and experience to add the skill set and knowledge of a physical therapist assistant. Students in the PTST-ATT concentration complete a minimum of nine online courses in as little as 15 months and are required to attend two on-campus weekend lab sessions during each semester.

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

Who is Eligible?

Board-certified athletic trainers who have graduated from an approved bachelor’s or master’s degree program and meet the minimum qualifications:

- Accepted as a student to Kent State University
- Minimum 2.7 grade point average (GPA) at the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more
- Minimum 40 total hours of work or observation time in a physical therapy clinic
- Recommendation of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant
- Submit an application to the PTA Program

The PTST-ATT concentration annually accepts up to 56 students. When there are more applicants than available positions, the selective admissions criteria is used to identify the most qualified candidates. Selection criteria is published in the Application and Information Packet, which is available at our website www.ashtabula.kent.edu/ptst, or by contacting the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kent State University at Ashtabula 440-964-4252.

WHY CHOOSE KENT STATE?

At Kent State University, you’ll benefit from small 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.

Kent State is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Associate Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology – Athletic Trainer Transition (PTST-ATT) concentration is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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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 who will:

- Pass 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 monitor patient status.