

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Roane State Community College to provide an appropriate and accessible curriculum as a means for students to become vital members of a physical therapy team. Graduates of Roane State will be given opportunities to reach their full potentials to confidently enter the workforce and provide the highest quality care within the scope of practice of the physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist. The program strives to instill within the students an awareness of diversity and a desire for lifelong learning in the field of physical therapy.

Program Philosophy

The purpose of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to prepare students to effectively contribute to the field of physical therapy as a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant and as part of a healthcare team. Roane State Physical Therapist Assistant Program recognizes that each student has a unique learning style, culture and personal vision. The Roane State faculty aims to provide learning opportunities that are effective for a variety of learning styles and abilities. The curriculum aims to prepare students to recognize the individual needs of each patient as seen in a broad variety of healthcare settings.

The Roane State PTA Program philosophy reflects the need for students in the program to be self-directed, highly motivated learners. This terminal program is addressed in a work like atmosphere that guides the student in a respectful but determined fashion so appropriate professional behaviors and academic and clinical successes can be achieved. The faculty believe that student success is achieved by setting high expectations, by making those expectations clear, and by providing frequent opportunities for formal and informal feedback that leads to continual improvement.

PTA Program Goals

1. Graduates will possess theoretical knowledge, professional behaviors, and technical skills necessary to provide quality physical therapy as measured by formal examination, CPI (Clinical Performance Instrument), and successful completion of practical and skill assessments.
2. The program will be responsive to community needs within the scope of the Roane State PTA Program as assessed by advisory committee feedback and employer survey and in keeping with the Mission Statement of the College (see college catalog).

3. The Roane State PTA Program will meet or exceed national standards for physical therapist assistant education as measured by a minimum of 80% first-time pass rate on NPTE (National Physical Therapy Examination).
4. The Roane State PTA Program will provide a variety of learning experiences to develop PTA skills as measured by clinical placement variety (IP/OP versus rural/urban).
5. The Roane State PTA Program will deliver a high quality curriculum served by qualified faculty that meets the needs of the community and prepares students for the workforce (as measured by graduate survey, student survey, and faculty qualifications).