

Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley – HSI
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Clinical Course Descriptions

PTHA 162 Clinical Immersion (1 credit, 40 hours over the course of the semester)

Supervised clinical experience in the practical application of techniques and procedures covered in all previous PTHA courses. Assisting physical therapists in treatment of patients in a variety of clinical settings. The course occurs after students have completed 2 semesters in the program.

PTHA 170 Clinical Experience I (3 credits, 3 weeks full time)

Supervised clinical experience in the practical application of techniques and procedures covered in all previous PTHA courses. Students will assist physical therapists in treatment of patients in a variety of clinical settings. During the third semester in the program, classes will run for approximately 8 weeks. Students will then break for two weeks of clinical rotations and return to complete the rest of the didactic semester.

PTHA 272 Clinical Experience II (12 credits, 40 hours/week-14 weeks)

Practical application of principles learned in the prior didactic semesters. Experience includes rotating internships in selected clinical sites under the supervision of a physical therapist. During the final semester in the program, all students will complete clinical rotations for two 7 week clinicals.