



Health Sciences Career and Academic Pathways (CAPs) Program Map: Certificate of Achievement for Physical Therapy Aide

Total number of units: 22 units

Top Code/Academic Plan: 1222.00

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Fall Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	KIN MAJ 125	Introduction to Physical Therapy Aide	3	Highly recommended to take this course at the beginning of this program.	This course if offered online and short term.
Program Course	KIN MAJ 116	Introduction to Exercise Physiology	3	CSU transferable.	This course is offered online and short term.
Program Course	KIN MAJ 128	Care and Prevention of Athletic Injuries	3	This course is both CSU and UC transferable. It is highly recommended that students schedule an appointment with an academic counselor to plan out the upcoming course-taking pattern for this certificate.	This course is offered hybrid. Lab face to face with lecture online.

Total Units 9

Winter Session	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HEALTH 012	Safety Education and First Aid	3	This course is both CSU and UC transferable.	Check course availability for the Winter session.
Program Course	KIN MAJ 115	Techniques of Instruction: Strength Training	1.5		Check course availability for the Winter session.

Total Units 4.5

Spring Semester	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HLTHOCC 062	Skill Set for the Health Care Professional	2		
Program Course	HLTHOCC 063	Basic Medical Terminology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for the Health Care Professional	2	Recommendation: Meet with an academic counselor to plan a course for the completion of this certificate.	
Program Course	HLTHOCC 065	Fundamentals for the Health Care Professional	2.5		

Total Units 6.5

Summer	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	HEALTH 049	Basic Life Support (BLS) Skills Certification	1		This course is offered online and face to face. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Summer	Course Code	Course	Units	Notes	Advising Notes
Program Course	KIN MAJ 131	Kinesiology Internship Experience	1	KIN MAJ 131 - Kinesiology Internship Experience: Must be taken as the final course.	Check course availability for the Summer session. This course may have sections that include a low cost (LCT) or no cost textbook (ZTC). Check the current catalog for the section number(s). You can search for classes in the ELAC and LACCD Schedule of Classes under "Class Search Type" as "Zero Textbook Cost" or "Low-Cost Textbook Classes."

Total Units 2

Degree Path and Requirements:

KIN MAJ 131 - Kinesiology Internship Experience: Must be taken as the final course.

This certification is an entry-level program designed for students interested in the field. The physical therapy aide is generally responsible for carrying out the non-technical duties of physical therapy, such as preparing treatment areas, ordering devices and supplies, and transporting patients.

This map is a suggested term-by-term sequence of courses to complete the program in a recommended time frame. This is an efficient and recommended plan, but actual plans may vary by individual student need. This map cannot replace a meeting with [counselors](#).

Department Advising Notes:

Students must apply for this [certificate of achievement](#) upon completion.

Program Description

The East Los Angeles Physical Therapy Aide Certificate of Achievement program will provide students with the education, training, and hands on experience needed to enter into the physical therapy (PT) field. This certification is an entry level program designed for students interested in the field. The physical therapy aide is generally responsible for carrying out the non-technical duties of physical therapy, such as preparing treatment areas, ordering devices and supplies, and transporting patients. Under the direction of the physical therapist or physical therapy assistant, an aide will provide services that help improve mobility, relieve pain, and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities of patients suffering from injuries or disease. The physical therapy aide may be employed in a variety of settings including: hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home care agencies, outpatient clinics, community health centers, and sports medicine clinics.

Career and Transfer Opportunities

The physical therapy aide may be employed in a variety of settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home care agencies, outpatient clinics, community health centers, and sports medicine clinics. The median annual wage for physical therapist aides was \$28,450 in May 2020. Overall employment of physical therapist assistants and aides is projected to grow 29 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the healthcare needs of an aging population and individuals with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity.

Visit the [Transfer Center](#) for transfer information, which varies based on transfer college. Make an appointment with a [counselor](#). Students can visit [Career and Job Services](#) for career counseling and further exploration.

Youtube Videos

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Program Map

A suggested sequence of classes to complete a degree, certificate, or program of study. Students should consult an academic counselor for variations to this plan based on part-time or full-time status, transfer plans, pre-requisites needed, etc.

Prerequisite Course

A specific course that must be completed before advancing to the next course.

Check the online catalog at elac.edu for the latest and most accurate information.

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