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PREPARATION
High school and college preparatory courses, including algebra, biology, chemistry, physiology, and physics are recommended. Volunteer or observational experience in a physical therapy clinic is recommended, in order to assist students in making career decisions. Medical Language (AH 110) is advised prior to enrollment in the program. Attendance at a program information meeting is encouraged. Meeting dates are posted on the program website.

Required Courses for Physical Therapist Assistant Major

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In addition to standard student expenses and college enrollment fees, the PTA Program expenses include approximately $1400 for books and supplies, $250 for the physical examination and immunizations, $120 for drug screen and background check, $100 for CPR and First Aid training, $30 for malpractice insurance and $50 for uniforms. Following graduation, students will require approximately $600.00 for examination and licensure costs. Students must plan for travel costs to and from the clinical facilities, many of which are outside of the Sacramento area. Some students may need to arrange for housing during the full-time clinical affiliations.

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