

Faculty Introductions

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Sara Bogner, PT, DPT

Sara Bogner has been a PT in Ukiah and Northern California for more than 20 years. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise and Movement Science and then attended PT school at Regis University in Denver, CO. Sara began teaching Anatomy at Mendocino College in 2016 and has been instrumental in the development of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.



DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EDUCATION

Joseph Munoz, PT, DPT

Joe Munoz has been practicing PT for nearly 20 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from CSU Bakersfield and then received his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Loma Linda University. Joe has primarily worked in the outpatient setting at Adventist Health Ukiah Valley dealing with orthopedic pathologies, post-surgical rehabilitation, sports-related injuries, work-related injuries and neurological conditions.



CORE FACULTY MEMBER

Dustin Meier, PTA, BS

Dustin has been a practicing PTA since 2005. He graduated from Western Institute of Science Health (A.S. PTA) and PIMA Medical Institute (B.S. PTA). Dustin has spent his career working with a variety of patients in a wide range of settings including home health, skilled nursing, acute care and outpatient PT.



Accreditation Status

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Mendocino College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703.706.3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

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Mendocino College PTA Program

Mendocino College invites you to explore our commuter-friendly PTA program at the campus in Ukiah, CA. The PTA program is a 5-semester program with students earning an Associates of Science degree and eligibility to take the National Physical Therapy Exam for licensure as a PTA upon completion.

Innovative Program Model

The Mendocino College PTA program is a commuter-friendly, hybrid model with only two consecutive on-campus days each week for hands-on lab coursework.

Lecture and theory coursework is completed through online courses using Canvas.

The innovative program model allows greater access to career education for students in Northern California. It also offers greater flexibility for students who have other commitments in life, such as work and family, helping meet the needs of the diverse population in the surrounding communities.



Physical Therapist Assistant Associates of Science PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

Course	Title	Semester Units
HLH 104	Medical Terminology	3
PTA 100	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
BIO 230	Human Anatomy with Lab	5
BIO 231	Human Physiology with Lab	5
OR		
BIO 202/L	Human Biology and Lab	3+1
Total		13-14

SEMESTER ONE

Course	Title	Semester Units
PTA 101	Physical Therapy Practice for the PTA	2
PTA 102	Pathology	3
PTA 103	Patient Care Skills Theory	2
PTA 103L	Patient Care Skills Lab	1
PTA 104	Clinical Kinesiology Theory	2
PTA 104L	Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1
ENG 200	Reading and Composition	3
Total		14

SEMESTER TWO

Course	Title	Semester Units
PTA 105	Therapeutic Exercise Theory	2
PTA 105L	Therapeutic Exercise Lab	1
PTA 106	Therapeutic Agents Theory	2
PTA 106L	Therapeutic Agents Lab	1
PTA 118	Clinical Development	3
COM 210	Interpersonal Communications	3
OR		
COM 203	Introduction to Public Speaking	
PSY 205	Introductory Psychology	3
OR		
PSY 210	Life Span Development Psychology	
OR		
CDV 200	Psychology of Development: Infancy through Adolescence	
Total		15

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SEMESTER THREE

Course	Title	Semester Units
PTA 107	Orthopedic Management Theory	2
PTA 107L	Orthopedic Management Lab	1
PTA 108	Neurology and Development Theory	2
PTA 108L	Neurology and Development Lab	1
PTA 121	Clinical Practicum I	6
American Institutions GE course*		3
Math GE course		3
Total		18

SEMESTER FOUR

Course	Title	Semester Units
PTA 109	Neurologic Management Theory	2
PTA 109L	Neurologic Management Lab	1
PTA 110	Advanced Procedures Theory	2
PTA 110L	Advanced Procedures Lab	1
PTA 111	Professional Integration	2
PTA 122	Clinical Practicum II	6
Humanities GE course*		3
Total		17
PTA Core Classes		46
Total for Associate's Degree		77-78

*Mendocino College graduation requirements also include a Studies in Culture course. This can be fulfilled through specific Humanities and American Institutions courses. It is recommended that a GE course is chosen that will fulfill both requirements. All students should meet with a counselor to review graduation requirements.