



2024–2025 Catalog Addendum

This College of the Desert Catalog Addendum represents course and program additions made since the last publication of the Catalog. Included in this Addendum are new and modified courses, certificates, programs. These additions supplement what is printed in the current Catalog and are effective as of Summer 2025 unless otherwise noted. Instructions for understanding this addendum are as follows: underline indicates new material and ~~strikethrough~~ strikethroughs identify deleted content.

Open Enrollment Policy - Unless specifically exempted by statute, every course, course section, or class which is to be reported for state apportionment, is open for enrollment, and participation by any person who has been admitted to the College and who meets the student success requirements.

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

MODIFIED COURSES**ART 005A Beginning Figure Drawing Units: 3**

Introduction to drawing the nude human figure from observation using a wide variety of drawing media and techniques. Topics include an introduction to human anatomy and the historical and contemporary roles of figure drawing in the visual arts. Students in this course will learn both descriptive and interpretive approaches to drawing the figure. This is a basic course in the study of the human figure from a nude model. Composition and expressive aspects of gesture, weight, and line on a beginning level are investigated through study of the human figure using pencil and charcoal exercises. (C-ID: ARTS 200)

Prerequisite: None	Corequisite: None	Advisory: None	
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No	Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: UC/CSU	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No	

ART 005B Intermediate Figure Drawing Units: 3

This is an intermediate course in the study of the human figure from a nude model. Students continue exploration with black and white media and are then introduced to color applications. Students explore a variety of drawing materials and techniques on an intermediate level leading toward personal growth and style.

Prerequisite: ART 005A	Corequisite: None	Advisory: None	
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No	Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: UC/CSU	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: Yes	

PTA 001 Introduction to Physical Therapy Units: 2.5

This course will introduce students to the field of physical therapy by covering the history and ethics of the profession as they relate to the health care system. The course will cover the development of the team approach in health care delivery, philosophies of rehabilitation, patient relationships, and the psychosocial impact of illness and injury. Also emphasized is the scope of practice of the physical therapist assistant. Course content includes observational experiences in patient care settings.

The course will also introduce verbal and nonverbal communication skills utilized in health care. Emphasis will be placed on terminology, format, computer use, reimbursement, interpersonal communication, and legal issues. Upon completion, the student will be able to discuss and demonstrate communication skills necessary for effective interaction with patients, families, and other health care providers.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: ENG 001A	Corequisite: None	Advisory: None	
Lecture hours: 45	Lab hours: None	Repeatable: No	Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No	

PTA 002 Pathophysiology I Units: 2.5

This course introduces common pathological conditions with emphasis on the following systems: cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, hematologic, hepatic, immune, integumentary, and lymphatic. The role of physical therapy in the treatment of these conditions is covered as well as interventions commonly performed by the physical therapist assistant.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: BI 014	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A	
Lecture hours: 45	Lab hours: None	Repeatable: No	Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No	

PTA 003 Therapeutic Procedures I Units: 3

This course provides hand-on instruction of the principles and procedures of physical therapy

interventions most commonly utilized in the inpatient setting, such as bed mobility, transfers, and gait training. Upon completion, the student will be able to demonstrate safe and effective delivery of taught procedures and provide an explanation of the rationale for each treatment.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: None	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 004 Therapeutic Procedures II Units: 4

This course is a continuation of Therapeutic Procedures I. The course is a study on the principles, procedures, and rationale behind physical therapy intervention most commonly performed in the outpatient setting. Upon completion, the student will be able to demonstrate safe and effective delivery of all taught interventions.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 001 & PTA 003	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: 108	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 005 Kinesiology Lab Units: 1

This lab course allows for the hands-on learning of functional anatomy and kinesiology. Focus will include muscle and joint function, ROM/strength testing, palpation skills and exercise concepts.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: KINE 008	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: None	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 006 Pathophysiology II Units: 2

This course provides a more in-depth look at presentation and treatment methods of cardiac and pulmonary conditions and also addresses less common pathophysiology processes not covered in Pathophysiology I. Common impairments seen with each pathology along with the physical therapy assistant's role in addressing these impairments will be covered. The lab portion of the course will emphasize treatment techniques for the cardiac and pulmonary patient.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 002	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 18	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 007 Neuroscience Units: 4

This course provides students with an overview of the neuroanatomy of the CNS and PNS, as it relates to treatment of patients with dysfunction in these systems. Emphasis includes structure and function of the nervous system, neurophysiological concepts, growth and development, and neurologic dysfunction. Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to identify and discuss specific neuroanatomical structures, basic functions of the nervous system, concepts of human growth and development, identify neurological pathologies and test for normal neurologic response and function.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 002	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 45	Lab hours: 81	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 009 Functional Anatomy + Kinesiology Units: 3

This course is a continuation of Introduction to Kinesiology and deals with the biomechanical

principles of the cervical spine, thoracic spine, lumbar spine, upper extremities, and lower extremities of the body. The course includes the kinesiological functions of muscles and muscle groups. Clinical manifestations of muscle dysfunction are covered, as well as techniques for joint measurement. Assessment by manual muscle testing, ROM testing and activities of daily living are presented.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: KINE 008	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 54	Lab hours: None	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 010 Physical Therapy Issues and Trends Units: 2

The course will introduce current trends and issues in the physical therapy field. Emphasis will be placed on practice issues and psychosocial aspects of illness and cultural diversity, with discussion on future of physical therapy and advocacy.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 001	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: None	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 011 Therapeutic Procedure III Units: 3

This course is a continuation of study of the principles and procedures of therapeutic Physical Therapy intervention, with emphasis placed on specialized physical therapy interventions and procedures for special populations. Students will learn how to instruct and prepare the patient to utilize this specialized equipment. Problem solving will be utilized in assisting students to apply standardized practices to meet individual patient needs.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 004	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: 36	Lab hours: 54	Repeatable: No Grading: Letter
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 012 Clinical Fieldwork I Units: 4.5

This is the first full-time clinical assignment in the PTA program in which students perform delegated patient care responsibilities in a physical therapy clinical setting, under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Students will practice the application of physical therapy procedures according to the setting such as the acute, sub-acute, outpatient, skilled nursing, or other type of physical therapy/rehabilitation clinical facility. Facility will be assigned by program faculty.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 003 & PTA 004	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
Lecture hours: None	Lab hours: 243	Repeatable: No Grading: Pass/No Pass
Transfer Status: None	Program Applicable: Yes	Allow Audit: No

PTA 013 Clinical Fieldwork II Units: 7.5

This is the second full-time clinical assignment in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program in which students perform delegated patient care responsibilities in a physical therapy clinical setting, under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Students will practice application of physical therapy procedures according to the setting such as the acute, sub-acute, outpatient, skilled nursing, or other type of physical therapy/rehabilitation clinical facility. Facility will be assigned by program faculty.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 012	Corequisite: None	Advisory: ENG 001A
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Lecture hours: None
Transfer Status: None

Lab hours: 405
Program Applicable: Yes

Repeatable: No
Allow Audit: No
Grading: Pass/No Pass

PTA 014 Physical Therapist Assistant Seminar Units: 2

This course is a capstone of the Physical Therapist Program. It is a study of the issues and trends in physical therapy practice. Emphasis is placed on issues such as licensure, job skills, board exam reviews, practitioners' roles, legal and ethical issues. Upon completion the student will have the necessary skills to transition from student to practitioner.

Limitation on enrollment: Admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

Prerequisite: PTA 012
Lecture hours: 36
Transfer Status: None

Corequisite: None
Lab hours: None
Program Applicable: Yes

Advisory: ENG 001A
Repeatable: No
Allow Audit: No
Grading: Letter Grade

NEW COURSE

EMTP 090 Paramedic Preparation Units: 1.5

An overview of EMT-level assessment skills combined with appropriate prehospital-level anatomy, physiology, and treatment relevant to the disease processes studied. Grade of B or better.

Limitation on enrollment: Must be a currently certified EMT in good standing, pass a background check, physical, vaccination titer and drug screen. Must have EMT experience of 1,000 hours or 6 months full-time, and required to have a AHA BLS certification that does not expire until after last date of enrollment in course. Student must provide a letter from an employer at the time of submission of application.

Limitation on Enrollment: None

Prerequisite:None
Lecture hours: 18
Transfer Status: None

Corequisite: None
Lab hours: 27
Program Applicable: Yes

Advisory: None
Repeatable: No
Allow Audit: No
Grading: Letter

UC TCA APPROVED COURSES

Course Code	Title	Units
ART 008	Fiber Art	3
ARCH 250	Elementary German I	3
CDE 233	Introduction to Young Children with Special Needs	3
CH 002	Chemistry and Society	3
CH 007	Fundamentals of Chemistry	5
CH 008	Environmental Chemistry	3
DDP 160	History of Games	3
DDP 161	Introduction to Game Design	3
DDP 200	Accessibility Compliance	3
KINE 048	Dance, Ballroom (Social & Latin)	1
MATH 020	Programming and Problem Solving in MATLAB	3
MATH 150	College Algebra for Liberal Arts and Humanities	3
MATH 955	Precalculus & Trigonometry	6
PHIL 001	Logic & Critical Thinking	3

PS 007	African American Politics	3
PS 008	Women and Politics	3
SPAN 007	Spanish Conversation and Composition	3
VSO 001A	Water Polo*	2
VSO 001B	Water Polo*	2
VSW 001	Varsity Water Polo	3

*Both VSO courses have the same title.

PROGRAMS OF INSTRUCTION

NEW PROGRAM

Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant Certificate of Achievement

Completion of this certificate demonstrates students have completed the required coursework to apply to a Physical Therapist Assistant program. It demonstrates the interest and intent to pursue a career in the physical therapy setting. Students can get a job as a Physical Therapy Aide while progressing to either a PTA or PT program.

Completion of this certificate does not guarantee a student will be an eligible applicant for the PTA program, please refer to the **PTA program website** for GPA requirements.

Upon satisfactory completion of this program students will be able to:

- Demonstrate the required skills and background knowledge to be successful in a Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Program Requirements

Course Code	Title	Units
BI 013	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BI 014	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	5
PSY 001	General Psychology	3
or PSY 003	Development Psychology	3
KINE 008	Introduction to Kinesiology	3
ENG 001A	English Composition	4

Select one course from the following: 3-5

MATH 016	Finite Mathematics
MATH 045	Math Fundamentals for Social Science
MATH 049	Intermediate Algebra

Or Any College Level Math Class

Select one course from the following: 3-5

PHIL 006 Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 013 Perspectives on Death & Dying
PHIL 014 Introduction to Ethics
or Any Class from Area C3, Arts, Humanities & Culture

Certificate Total 25-29

Academic Renewal Regulations

Per Title 5, section 55044, **Academic Renewal** permits the alleviation of previously recorded substandard (D and F) academic performance that is not reflective of a student's present demonstrated academic ability and level of performance. The permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic history.

1. A student may request that up to ~~30~~ **18** units substandard course work attempted be annotated and disregarded in the computation of the student's grade point average (GPA) or requirements for a degree. Only those requested courses with substandard grades will be disregarded.

~~2. Twelve (12) months must have passed since attempting the course work to be excluded from GPA calculation.~~ Courses from other regionally accredited colleges or universities will be accepted to provide evidence of academic ability. Students must provide official transcripts.

3. Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions:

Students must have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 in 12 consecutive semester hours and At least one semester must have elapsed from the time the course work to be removed was completed

~~4. Evidence of academic ability since the 18 units in question shall include one of the following: 15 semester units with a minimum of 3.00 GPA 30 semester units with a minimum of 2.50 GPA 45 semester units with a minimum of 2.00 GPA A student may be granted academic renewal only once.~~ No alleviated coursework shall apply toward degree requirements.

5. In the petition, the student must specify the course(s) to be considered under the academic renewal policy as well as the term in which the coursework was attempted.

6. Some institutions do not honor academic renewal. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the transfer institution will approve of academic renewal from College of the Desert.

7. Academic renewal actions are irreversible

8. Academic renewal will not be used to qualify for graduation honors.

The Academic Renewal Form may be downloaded from the [Admissions & Records Office](#) webpage under Forms and submitted electronically.

Annotation of Record

All course work will remain legible on the student's permanent record (transcript), ensuring a true and complete academic history. However, the student's permanent record will be annotated so that it is readily evident to all users of the record that the units are to be disregarded and may not apply to certificate, degree, or general education requirements.

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1. A student may request that up to 30 units substandard course work attempted be annotated and disregarded in the computation of the student's grade point average (GPA) or requirements for a degree. Only those requested courses with substandard grades will be disregarded.
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