

**Secondary to Postsecondary Pathway for
Therapeutic Services: Physician Assistant (Health Sciences)**

Suggested High School Courses

9 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English I, Algebra I, Biology, Civics or State History	Suggested Electives: Science courses, Computer Applications
	Career Path Courses:	Health Science Technology I - Introduction to Health Science	
10 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English II, Geometry, Chemistry, US History, Foreign Language I	Suggested Electives: Science courses
	Career Path Courses:	Health Science Technology II - Health, Safety, and Ethics	
11 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English III, Algebra II, Physics, Foreign Language II	Suggested Electives: Communications
	Career Path Courses:	Biology, Chemistry or other lab based science Health Science Technology III - Employment In Health Science	
12 th	Core Academic Courses*:	English IV, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, or Statistics, Anatomy and Physiology, Economics and Psychology	Suggested Electives: Advanced Computer Applications/ Medical Informatics, Volunteerism
	Career Path Courses:	Health Science Technology IV- Introduction to Therapeutic Services	


Secondary to Postsecondary Linkages & Contacts

Postsecondary Credit Options:

N/A

Red Rocks Community College Department of High School Relations: For more information on postsecondary course options for high school students and for admission to RRCC, please contact, Ernie Navarette at 303-914-6320 or ernie.navarette@rrcc.edu.

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	<p>Pathway: Therapeutic Services</p>	<p><i>Plan of Study: Physician Assistant</i></p>
<p>Career Goal (O*Net Code): (Click the code to access education, skills, and employment outlook information)</p> <p>29-1071.00 Physician Assistant</p> <p>*High Demand</p>		<p>Relevant Occupational Experience (Your Life Experiences may be worth College Credit!):</p> <p>CCCS Credit for Prior Learning Guide No credit for prior is given for this program</p> <p>Colorado Labor Market Information</p>

Possible Pathways to your Career!

	Programs Available	Program Length (*Based on meeting Program Entrance Requirements)	Estimated Tuition	Career Options	Salary Range
Certificate Option(s)	Physician Assistant (bachelor's degree is a pre-requisite; this is a graduate certificate) see website for admission requirements: http://www.rrcc.edu/pa/index.html	25 months	\$36,000 for whole program	Physician Assistant	\$ - \$\$\$\$
Associate Degree(s)	n/a				\$ - \$\$\$
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Advanced Degree(s)	Bachelor's Degree: n/a		Regis University Colorado State University Metro State University of Denver		\$ - \$\$\$\$
	Graduate Degree: Physician Assistant (bachelor's degree is a pre-requisite) see website for admission requirements http://www.rrcc.edu/pa/index.html	25 months	\$44,000 for whole program	Physician Assistant	\$-\$\$\$\$
College Tuition Comparison Guide					

Extended Learning Experiences

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Support Structures:

Childcare facilities, Counseling Services, Tutoring Services, Academic Advising and Career Counseling

Financial Aid:

Federal Student Loans, Pell Grant, RRCC Foundation Grant

Professional Affiliations

ARC-PA (Accreditation Review Commission on the Education of the Physician Assistant)
PAEA (Physician Assistant Education Association)
NCCPA (National Commission of the Certification of Physician Assistants)
AAPA (American Academy of Physician Assistants)
CAPA (Colorado Association of Physician Assistants)

Practical Learning Experiences:

2000 hours of paid medical experience REQUIRED
(e.g. EMT, Paramedic, Athletic Trainer, CNA/MA, LPN/RN, Physical Therapist or PT Assistant, Pharmacist, Nutritionist, etc)

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