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Brookline College Expands Health Care Programs by Offering Physical Therapist Assistant Degree

Phoenix, Arizona —Feb. 22, 2011— [Brookline College](#), a multi-campus higher education company, announces the addition of a Physical Therapist Assistant, Associate of Science Program to its allied health curricula. This program will be offered at the College's Phoenix campus.

The Brookline College Physical Therapist Assistant program is scheduled to begin in April of 2011. Informational events are scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at noon and 6 p.m. on the [Phoenix campus](#). The events will include a program overview, demonstrations, a tour of the facilities and refreshments.

The [physical therapist assistant program](#) is designed to educate students in the concepts and practices in the physical therapist field and to prepare them for an entry-level position within the physical therapy profession.

"Brookline College is pleased to add physical therapist assistant to the 12 current health care programs we offer," said Christa Jones, Chief Executive Officer of Brookline College. "Our goal is to give students in the Valley a wide range of high quality programs to choose from to help them begin a new career."

The program includes over 560 hours of clinical training in various settings, which provides students with the skills to succeed in this field. In addition, courses in the program include anatomy and physiology, kinesiology, and therapeutic exercise. Brookline's physical therapist assistant program is designed so that students can earn their diploma in 75 weeks.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical therapist assistants (PTA's) assist physical therapists in providing treatment that improves patient mobility, relieves pain, and prevents or lessens physical disabilities of patients.

Under the physical therapist's supervision, PTA's provide exercise instruction; therapeutic modalities like electrical stimulation, mechanical traction, and ultrasound; and gait and balance training. They also record the patient's responses to treatment and report the outcome of each treatment to the physical therapist.

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In addition, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that national employment in this field is expected to grow much faster than average with 20,000 positions needing to be filled nationally between now and 2018 (www.bls.gov/oco/ocos167.htm).

Brookline College is headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, and has five campus locations: Phoenix, Tempe and Tucson, Arizona; Albuquerque, New Mexico and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as well as online programs. The college has served students for 31 years. Its Arizona and New Mexico campuses are licensed and approved to offer bachelor and associate degrees as well as diplomas in a variety of health care, business and legal programs. The Oklahoma City campus is licensed and approved to offer diploma programs in Professional Therapeutic Massage and Medical Insurance and Coding Specialist only.

Not every program is offered at every campus location. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the campus they wish to attend to discuss program options.

Brookline College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). Candidacy is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation.

The Arizona and New Mexico campuses of Brookline College are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Brookline College's Oklahoma City campus is accredited by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education (COE), 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg 300, Suite 325 Atlanta, GA 30350; 800-917-2081. For more information about Brookline College programs and locations, please visit www.BrooklineCollege.edu or call toll free 866-713-4783.

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