

# AFFILIATE PROGRAM

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## North Idaho Higher Education

North Idaho Higher Education (NIHE) represents a consortium of five Idaho higher education institutions which cooperate to deliver post-secondary education/training across Region 1. These five institutions are *Lewis-Clark State College*, *North Idaho College*, *University of Idaho*, *Idaho State University* and *Boise State University*. Collectively, these five schools offer nearly one hundred different degree programs in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. In addition to offering a variety of degree programs (associate to doctorate), to nearly 5,000 students, NIHE ensures that student transfer processes are streamlined and student services are accessible to all consortium students. North Idaho Higher Education regionally markets and promotes Idaho higher education and training opportunities across the Inland Northwest. The consortium is directed by a Local Operation's Council (LOC) and supported by subcommittees, which consist of members from all partnering institutions.

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## Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium Program

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The Idaho Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium Program at LCSC prepares students for employment as physical therapist assistants (PTA). The PTA functions through the direction of a physical therapist (PT) to implement the PT's plan of care. The ultimate goal of physical therapy is to aid patients and clients in their return to maximal function. PTA students are instructed in thinking processes and skills such as therapeutic exercise, orthopedic and neurological interventions, therapeutic modalities, and the art of patient care. In addition to patient treatment courses, students study the basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, clinical pathology, and kinesiology. Clinical education experiences are integrated throughout the curriculum and offer students the opportunity to practice the techniques learned and practiced each semester. The program is designed to be completed in two years following the completion of necessary prerequisites.