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Physical Therapist Assistant

Applicant Admissions Information

Fall 2010

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work in direct patient care settings under the direction and supervision of physical therapists.

Physical therapist assistants must complete a two-year education program. The course of study includes one semester of general education prerequisite courses and then the four-semester PTA program which consists of the technical physical therapist assistant courses.

Students may complete the general education prerequisite courses at any accredited college; however, enrollment in the four-semester PTA program at the GTCC Jamestown campus is limited. Resources, such as clinical facilities and faculty, limit the number of applicants accepted into the program. Acceptance into the PTA Program is competitive: a total of twenty-four individuals are admitted to the program each fall. All applicants must meet minimum requirements and specific deadlines. ***However, meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Students not admitted to the program who wish to be considered for the following year must re-apply.***

Graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree and are eligible to take the national licensure examination administered by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program has received full accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.

The deadline to apply to the PTA program for the 2010 fall semester is May 28, 2010.

GTCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice.

Phase I Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR)

To be considered for admission to the program, all applicants **must** meet the minimum requirements by May 28, 2010. ***Meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.***

1. **Completed Admissions File:** A completed admissions file consists of a current GTCC admissions application, official high school or GED transcripts, and official college transcripts.
2. **Placement Test Scores** – All placement test scores are valid for 3 years.

	COMPASS	ASSET	CPT
Writing	70	41	86
Reading	81	41	80
Algebra	40	41	57

College English with a grade of C or higher may waive some of the tests. Applicants not meeting these minimum scores should enroll in the appropriate developmental courses (as directed by an academic advisor).

Math 070 (Introduction to Algebra) or higher with a grade of C or better may waive the math placement test.

SAT/ACT scores within the last three years may waive the placement test(s):

	SAT		ACT
Verbal	510	English	21
Essay	510	Reading	21
Math	520	Math	21

3. General Education Requirements

All of the following General Education **courses must be completed** with a grade of C or higher by **May 28, 2010** to be considered for admission into the fall 2010 PTA class:

BIO 165	Anatomy & Physiology I (must be less than 10 years old)
PHY 110 & PHY 110A <i>or</i>	Conceptual Physics & Conceptual Physics Lab <i>or</i>
PHY 151	College Physics
COM 110 <i>or</i> COM 231	Introduction to Communications <i>or</i> Public Speaking
ENG 111	Expository Writing
PSY 150	General Psychology
HUM/FA	Elective

4. Volunteer/Observation Hours

Applicants are required to complete twenty (20) volunteer/observation hours in a physical therapy setting with a licensed Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant. The required observation hours form is included in this packet (page 5) and **must** be submitted to an Admissions Advisor at the time the Minimum Admissions Requirement (MAR) review is completed.

5. Complete Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review:

All applicants must meet with an Admissions Advisor to complete the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Review in order to be considered for the program. This step must be completed by May 28, 2010. ***This meeting is required. No appointment is necessary.*** Enrollment Services is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays (9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during the summer). ***Please visit the GTCC website for any changes.***

Phase II Ranking Review

When all minimum requirements are met, applicants are ranked using a point system. As this is a limited enrollment program, it is in the student's best interest to achieve as many ranking points as possible. Courses with a grade of "C" **will meet** graduation requirements but have **no point value** in the ranking review. The components of the ranking review include the following items:

1. Grade Points for General Education Courses

For BIO 165 & 166:	A = 12 points	B = 8 points
For all other classes:	A = 6 points	B = 4 points

BIO 165	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 166*	Anatomy & Physiology II
PHY 110 or PHY 151	Conceptual Physics or College Physics
PHY 110A	Conceptual Physics Lab
COM 110 or COM 231	Introduction to Communications or Public Speaking
ENG 111	Expository Writing
ENG 114 or ENG 112*	Professional Research & Reporting or Argument-based Research
PSY 150	General Psychology
PSY 241**	Developmental Psychology
HUM/FA	Elective

*Students who complete BIO 166 and/or ENG 114 (or ENG 112) with a grade of "B" or higher by May 28, 2010 will receive points for grades earned in these courses during the ranking review. Even though these courses are not part of the minimum requirements, they are required to **graduate** from the PTA program. It is **highly recommended** that these courses be taken **before** starting the PTA program; otherwise, they must be taken while in the PTA program.

**Students who complete PSY 241 with a grade of "B" or higher by May 28, 2010 will also receive points for this course grade during the ranking review. Although PSY 241 is not part of the minimum requirements and is not required to graduate from the PTA program, it can be taken to increase an applicant's points.

2. Related Experience

Points are awarded as listed below. Applicants must complete the Related Experience Form in this packet (page 6). This form will be reviewed by an Admissions Advisor for related experience points. This form must be submitted at the time an applicant completes the MAR review with an Admissions Advisor. **Students can earn a maximum of 15 points of related experience.**

10 points	Completion of an associates' or bachelors' degree in an <i>Allied Health related field</i> .
7 points	Completion of a diploma or certificate in an <i>Allied Health related field</i> .
5 points	100 hours of work experience as a physical therapy technician/aide or 100 volunteer hours in a physical therapy setting with a licensed Physical Therapist and/or Physical Therapist Assistant. The 20 hours of mandatory experience for minimum requirements may be used to count towards the 100 hours.
3 points	Completion of a College Tech Prep course of study in a Health Careers Pathway at the high school level within the past 3 years.

Adding together the grade points and related experience determines your total score. The twenty-four students with the highest points will be admitted to the PTA program. In the case of applicants with the same rank, the academic point total will be used as the tie-breaker.

Notification Procedure

Letters will be mailed to applicants who have *met and complete* a Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Review. If you were not accepted or declined your admission, you must re-apply and complete another MAR review if you wish to be considered for the next year's class.

Tuition, Fees and Expenses

Tuition is \$42.00 per credit hour for in-state students and \$233.30 per credit hour for out-of-state students. Additional student fees include books, parking, student activities, student publications, lab fees, malpractice insurance, and health/accident insurance. Students should also plan for travel expenses to-from the GTCC Jamestown Campus as well as travel for clinical education courses. *Tuition is subject to change.*

1. Financial Aid

GTCC tries to assure that no qualified student is denied a college education simply due to lack of financial resources. GTCC works to meet the financial needs of all qualified students through the Financial Aid Office. For further information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (336) 334-4822 ext. 5352.

2. Clinical Education Expenses

Students must have transportation to and from the different clinical facilities and may be required to arrange temporary living arrangements during clinical education courses. The majority of the clinical sites are located within the participating colleges' service area; however, availability of local clinical sites cannot be guaranteed.

Drug Testing and Criminal Background Checks

Students admitted to the PTA program participate in clinical education in various clinical facilities. Clinical facilities may include drug testing and criminal background investigation prior to the start of a clinical education course. If a clinical facility refuses to accept a student due to a failed drug test or criminal background investigation, the student will not be allowed to continue in the course or the PTA program.

PLEASE NOTE: Requirements for each course will be printed in each course syllabi respectively. The respective syllabi are effective for the term and course for which it is issued only. GTCC reserves the right to change curriculum and admission requirements without prior notice.

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**Guilford Technical Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

Minimum Required Observation Hours

To Be Completed By Applicant:

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's student ID number: _____

Name of facility: _____

Address of facility: _____

**To Be Completed By Supervising Licensed Physical Therapist or
Physical Therapist Assistant:**

Type of observations (i.e., setting, types of conditions, age level, etc.): _____

Number of hours completed: _____

Dates of observation: _____

Print name of supervising therapist: _____

Signature of supervising therapist: _____

License number of supervising therapist: _____

Date: _____

**Please return this form when completing the Minimum Admissions Requirement (MAR)
Review. The deadline is May 28, 2010.**

**Guilford Technical Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Related Experience Form**

**Applicants must submit this documentation at the time of the MAR Review.
The deadline is May 28, 2010.**

In order for related experience to be considered in the ranking process, this document must be completed accurately. Incomplete information or missing signatures will render this form invalid for ranking purposes. Applicants with multiple work or volunteer experience facilities must complete **Section A** for *every* site. Students may photocopy this form as needed.

Applicant's Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____

Section A. Work or Volunteer/Observation Experience

Number of hours completed at job or volunteer facility: _____

Dates of employment or volunteer experience: _____

Brief description of job or volunteer experience:

Name, mailing address & telephone of supervising therapist for verification of job or volunteer hours (please print):

Name of supervisor (must be a licensed PT or PTA): _____

Supervisor signature: _____

Supervisor's professional licensure #: _____

Date: _____

Section B. Academic-Related Experience

_____ Completion of an associates' or bachelors' degree in an Allied Health related field.

_____ Completion of a diploma or certificate in an Allied Health related field.

_____ Completion of a College Tech Prep course of study in a Health Careers Pathway at the high school level within the last 5 years with a grade of "C" or higher.

Name of school & location (please print): _____

Dates enrolled in coursework: _____