

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate in Applied Science Degree – 69 credit hours

Fall 2020 Entry ♦ Jamestown Campus ♦ Maximum Number Accepted to Program - 24

Program Application Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2020 by 5:00pm

Program Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Please read the entire packet for more details on these requirements and deadlines.

Phase I: Complete by May 15, 2020.

- Complete the GTCC Admission/Readmission Process (*new and former GTCC students*).
- Complete a required Physical Therapist Assistant Program Information Session.
- Demonstrate English and mathematics “college readiness” levels, via college-level English/math courses or by completion of/waiver credit for specified “transition” or co-requisite courses.

Phase II: Complete by May 29, 2020, by 5:00pm.

- Complete the following PREREQUISITE general education courses with grades of “C” or better:
 - BIO 168 (*completed since 2010*)
 - PHY 110/110A
 - PSY 150, ENG 111, and a Humanities/Fine Arts Elective
- Complete the ATI TEAS with a minimum score of 62.
- Submit a *Health Sciences Program Application* to the Limited Entry Programs Office, located in the Hassell Health Technologies Center, Room 140 (Jamestown Campus).



COMPLETE THE REQUIRED PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION BY MAY 15, 2020!

You may complete either a “live” session or an online session via Moodle.

“Live” Session Dates

(Held in Hassell Health Technologies, Room 113 on the Jamestown Campus)

July 24, 2019
4:00 – 5:00pm

October 23, 2019
4:00 – 5:00pm

January 8, 2020
4:00 – 5:00pm

April 8, 2020
4:00 – 5:00pm

Online Sessions

Information on how to access Moodle is available in this packet.

Attendance at Program Information Sessions for the 2019 and previous years’ admission cycles are not acceptable for meeting this requirement.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

General Education Courses

*Courses Listed in **BOLD TYPE** are Prerequisite Courses and Must Be Completed before Applying to the Program. The remaining courses may be taken prior to acceptance to the program to lighten the academic load and for possible award of ranking points.*

Course	Title	Credits
BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I (completed since 2010)	4
PHY 110/PHY 110A	Conceptual Physics and Lab	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	3
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Select from list of GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Elective Courses	3
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II (completed since 2010)	4
Select ONE:	COM 110 (Introduction to Communication) COM 120 (Introduction to Interpersonal Communication) COM 231 (Public Speaking) ENG 112 (Writing/Research) ENG 114 (Professional Research/Reporting)	3
Total General Education Credits:		24

Program Courses

These courses are taken once you have been accepted to the program.

Course	Title	Credits
FALL 2020		
PTA 110	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
PTA 125	Gross and Functional Anatomy	5
PTA 135	Pathology	4
SPRING 2021		
PTA 145	Therapeutic Procedures	4
PTA 215	Therapeutic Exercise	3
PTA 222	Professional Interactions	2
PTA 245	PTA Clinical III	4
SUMMER 2021		
PTA 225	Introduction to Rehabilitation	4
PTA 255	PTA Clinical IV	4
FALL 2021		
PTA 212	Health Care/Resources	2
PTA 235	Neurological Rehabilitation	5
PTA 155	PTA Clinical I	2
PTA 185	PTA Clinical II	3
Total Program Course Credits:		45
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE:		69

Limited Entry Admission Process – GTCC Health Sciences Programs

Phase I: Complete by May 15, 2020.

Complete the GTCC Admission Process (new GTCC applicants/former GTCC students).

Please complete the GTCC admission process, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS) process. To get started, visit <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php>

Submit your official transcripts. Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Enrollment Services staff. **PLEASE ALLOW APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FOR EVALUATION TO OCCUR!** Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate. Transfer credits from regionally-accredited colleges/universities must appear on your GTCC WebAdvisor transcript in order to be considered for meeting minimum requirements or earning ranking points.

PLEASE CHECK THE STATUS OF YOUR ADMISSION PROCESS by visiting <https://applicationstatus.gtcc.edu> and <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu>.

Complete a required Program Information Session.

You are required to complete a **Physical Therapist Assistant Program Information Session** in order to apply to the **Fall 2020 program**.

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement. This session will provide you with an overview of the curriculum, the minimum program admission requirements, faculty expectations and discussion of class schedules and clinical requirements, preparing and submitting your *Health Programs Application packet*, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class. At the completion of the session, you will receive an ATI TEAS test pass for GTCC's Assessment Center.

- The schedule of **LIVE SESSIONS** is available on the front of this packet. Sessions will last approximately 1 to 1.5 hours. Late arrivals/early departures will not receive credit for having completed this session. All sessions are offered on the Jamestown Campus in Hassell Health, Room 113 (PTA Classroom). **Register for a live session at:** <https://www.gtcc.edu/academics/academic-programs/programs/health-and-wellness/health-forms/physical-therapy-form.php>
- ONLINE SESSIONS (Available after August 1, 2019):** If you are unable to attend a live Information Session, you must study a PowerPoint presentation in the online Information session and then score 100% on a quiz. The instructions to access the online information session are as follows:

If you are a current student at GTCC or you have already submitted an application to GTCC:

- Go to online.gtcc.edu and login using your GTCC Titan account.
- Go to the bottom of the My Courses page and use the search field to find "PTA Information Session". Enroll yourself in this course.

If you are a potential student at GTCC (meaning you have not submitted an application to GTCC at this time):

- Go to coned.gtcc.edu. Use the "Create New Account" option on the main page. The account creation process ends with you confirming a link in your email account.
- Return to coned.gtcc.edu and login using your new account.
- Go to the bottom of the My Courses page and use the search field to find "PTA Information Session". Enroll yourself in this course.

Demonstrate English and mathematics "College Readiness" levels.

You must be able to meet one of the following options for both subject areas:

COLLEGE ENGLISH READINESS	COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: You have completed or received transfer credit for ENG 111.	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: You have completed or received transfer credit for <u>one</u> of the following -- MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 171 (or a higher-level math).
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all</u> of the following: DRE 096, DRE 097, DRE 098	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>all</u> of the following: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 002 with a minimum grade of <u>P2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of <u>P2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: You have completed or received waiver credit for ENG 011	<input type="checkbox"/> Option 4: You have completed or received waiver credit for <u>one</u> of the following: MAT 043, MAT 052, or MAT 071

Phase II: Complete by 5:00pm on May 29, 2020.

☐ Complete the Prerequisite General Education Course Requirements.

- BIO 168 (Anatomy & Physiology I) must have been completed since 2010 with grade of “C” or better.
- PHY 110/110A (Conceptual Physics and Lab) completed with grades of “C” or better.
- PSY 150 (General Psychology) completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- ENG 111 (Writing & Inquiry) completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Humanities/Fine Arts elective completed with a grade of “C” or better.

☐ Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS). Score a minimum of “62”.

You must have completed the required Program Information Session in order to obtain a testing pass from the Limited Entry Programs Office. A GTCC ATI TEAS Testing Pass must be presented to the GTCC Assessment Center (Jamestown Campus) on the day of your test. You may test twice in a 6-month period. The test fee is \$65 for GTCC students and \$90 for non-GTCC students and is not covered by financial aid.

Scores from other colleges or Testing Centers will be accepted, but they must be from the ATI TEAS. Make sure to ask what version they offer before registering for your test date.

Study material may be purchased at www.atitesting.com or at the Jamestown Campus Bookstore.



Once You Have Completed ALL of the Steps Listed above, Then You Have Completed the Program's Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR). You are Now Ready to Submit Your Health Sciences Program Application to the Limited Entry Programs Office.

☐ Gather Your Application Materials and Submit them by the 5pm Deadline.

Once you have completed all of the MAR requirements, gather all of the required documents, attach them to the *Health Sciences Program Application*, and submit the packet to the Limited Entry Programs Office, located in Hassell Health Technologies Center, Room 140 on the Jamestown campus. **Application packets received after the deadline will not be accepted.**

- Complete the *Health Sciences Program Application*.
- **Verify that all transcripts have been received and evaluated for transfer credit by GTCC before attaching a copy of your WebAdvisor transcript! The Selection Committee will use this transcript to verify minimum requirements and award ranking points!**
- Attach a copy of your ATI TEAS test results.
- Attach all other documentation required on the *Health Sciences Program Application Checklist* (back page of Application).

The Limited Entry Programs Office will offer a schedule of “Drop-In” times to review your application file in the weeks prior to the deadline. Please contact the office at (336) 334-4822, ext. 50439, send an email to limitedentry@gtcc.edu, or visit the Office for more information on this schedule.

Have Questions? Need Help?

✓ **Completing the GTCC admission process (*application for admission, NC residence determination*):**

Please contact GTCC's Admissions Office at (336) 334-4822, ext. 31125, or send an email to: admissions@gtcc.edu.

✓ **Checking the status of your admission application:** Visit: <https://applicationstatus.gtcc.edu/>

✓ **Submitting your transcripts:** Contact the Records and Transcripts Office at (336) 334-4822, ext. 50354 or 50161, or send an email to transcripts@gtcc.edu.

✓ **Checking the status of the transcripts you have submitted to GTCC:** Visit: <https://transcripts.gtcc.edu/>

✓ **General information on the Health Sciences Programs and their specific admission requirements:** Visit the Limited Entry Programs' website at: <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/admissions-requirements/limited-enrollment-programs.php>, call (336) 334-4822, ext. 50439, or send an email to limitedentry@gtcc.edu.

The Program Applicant Review and Selection Process

During the next weeks after the Program Application Deadline, the Health Sciences Review Committee, comprised of various Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, the Dean of Health Sciences, and the Limited Entry Programs Office Staff, will review all applications submitted by the deadline.

Applicants are ranked using a points system, and candidates will be selected, based on the total points earned. Ties will be decided, based on the following system: 1) The applicant with the higher total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The applicant with the higher TEAS composite score (if applicable); and 3) The date that the *GTCC Admission Application* was submitted for the program of interest.

Each candidate who submits a *Health Sciences Program Application* to the Limited Entry Programs Office by 5pm on the specified deadline will be notified in writing of the results of the selection process. **Notification will be sent electronically to the applicant's GTCC email address.**

Students must accept or decline a program position by submitting an *Intent to Enroll Form* within 10 business days of the date on the acceptance letter. Failure to respond within the stated timeframe will result in the position being offered to an alternate. Once a student declines a program position, the decision may not be reversed.

A student has 15 business days from the date on the notification letter to contest the results of the selection process. The request for review of the results must be submitted in writing to the Division Dean. The Division Dean will render a decision within 10 business days of receipt of the written request. The Division Dean's decision is final.

Program Orientation, Advising/Registration, and Enrollment

Once a position in a program of study is accepted, the student will then communicate with the Program Director regarding all matters related to program orientation, advising/registration, and enrollment.

The student is required to attend all program orientations, meetings, or other events scheduled prior to the start of classes. Failure to attend these meetings without prior approval from the Program Director will result in removal from the health program and, if applicable to the program, ranking point deductions for future applications to the same program. An alternate student will be selected to fill the vacant position, as directed by the Program Director.

The student must enroll in program classes prior to the first day of the semester. Failure to enroll without prior approval of the Program Director will result in removal from the health program and, if applicable to the program, ranking point deductions for future applications to the same program.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the program and withdraws from the program or is dropped from the program that semester must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry. If applicable to the program, ranking point deductions will apply for future applications to the same program.

The GTCC Health Sciences Limited Entry Process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.

Important Notes to Health Science Program Applicants

Program faculty reserve the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the discretion of the faculty. By accepting admission into the program, the students agrees to at all times abide by the program requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term for each course. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the program. Changes made after the publication of the Handbook will be posted as an addendum to the Handbook.

Most programs require students to have a criminal background check, a drug screen, and an OIG review (Office of Inspector General) upon admission. Healthcare agencies that are utilized for clinical and/or internship experiences require this evaluation. If a student is denied agency access due to a positive check or screening, the students may not be able to complete the clinical education experiences, which will result in the inability to continue in the health science program. Screening may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

(From the PTA Student Handbook) Students entering the PTA program must pass all required general education courses with at least a "C" as part of the program's admission requirements.

Students must also achieve a "C" or better in program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the program.

If You Have Questions about the Health Sciences Limited Entry Admission Process, Please Contact:

Limited Entry Programs Office

140 Hassell Health Technologies Center, Room 140 ♦ Jamestown Campus; (336) 334-4822, ext. 50439; limitedentry@gtcc.edu

Physical Therapist Assistant Program – Fall 2020 Entry

CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION

General Education Courses Required to Complete the Physical Therapist Assistant Program				
Course	Possible Points	Semester/Year Course Was Completed	My Grade	Ranking Points
Remember... these courses are <u>REQUIRED</u> to be completed prior to applying!				
BIO 168 (completed since 2010)	A = 8, B = 4			
PHY 110 (Lecture)	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
PHY 110A (Lab)	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
PSY 150	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
ENG 111	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
<p><i>The following general education courses are not required for admission to the PTA program, but they are required to graduate from the PTA program. Applicants who take these courses by the May 29, 2020 deadline and make an A or B will receive ranking points for the courses. It is highly recommended that these courses be taken before starting the PTA program; otherwise, they must be taken while in the PTA program. Additionally, taking these courses before the May 29, 2020 deadline may increase applicants' chances of being accepted into the PTA program.</i></p>				
BIO 169 (completed since 2010)	A = 8, B = 4			
Complete ONE of the following: COM 110, COM 120, COM 231, ENG 112, or ENG 114	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
Points Earned for This Section:				

Completion of Additional Course Not Required for Degree				
<p><i>Please note: this course may not be covered by financial aid because it is not required for your program. Please check with the Financial Aid Office prior to registering for this class.</i></p>				
Course	Possible Points	Semester/Year Course Was Completed	My Grade	Ranking Points
PSY 241 (Developmental Psychology)	A = 4, B = 2	N/A		
<p><i>Students who complete PSY 241 with a grade of A or B by May 29, 2020 will also receive points for this course grade during the ranking review. Although PSY 241 is not required for admission to the PTA program and is not required to graduate from the PTA program, it can be taken to increase an applicant's points.</i></p>				
Points Earned for This Section:				

ATI TEAS Score Range		
TEAS 6.0 Score Range	Possible Points	Ranking Points
65—71	2	
72—78	4	
79—85	6	
86—92	8	
93—100	10	
Points Earned for This Section:		

Completion of Related Experiences

College-Level Programs: Points Awarded for the Highest Education Level Completed	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Completion of a Master's Degree or higher in any field of study from a regionally accredited institution	6	
Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from a regionally accredited institution	4	
Completion of an Associate's Degree in any field of study from a regionally accredited institution	3	
Health-Related Certifications/Licensure:	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Current Licensure/Certification in a health-related field (one certification maximum - must attach a copy of the current certification).	3	
<p><i>"Health-related fields" involve the delivery of services pertaining to the identification, evaluation, treatment and prevention of diseases and disorders under the care of a referring doctor.</i></p> <p><i>Related experience points will be given to applicants who are licensed or certified dental hygienists, athletic trainers, massage therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, exercise physiologists, respiratory therapists, speech language pathologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, audiologists, Army medics, Navy corpsmen, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Ranking points will also be given to applicants who have certifications as Corrective Exercise Specialists (CES) from the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists (CSCS) from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).</i></p> <p><i>Related experience points will not be given to applicants for working as physical therapy aides/technicians, certified nursing assistants, physical education teachers, emergency medical responders, surgical technologists, phlebotomists, personal trainers, pharmacy technicians, med techs, yoga instructors, Pilates instructors, aqua instructors, etc.</i></p>		
Points Awarded for This Section:		

TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED

Criteria	Total Points
Completion of General Education Courses Required for Degree	
Completion of Additional Course Not Required for Degree	
ATI TEAS Score Range	
Completion of Related Experiences	
TOTAL POINTS:	

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Health Sciences Program Application

(Revised July 2019)

Return this Application to:

Limited Entry Programs Office ♦ Hassell Health Technologies Center, Rm. 140 ♦ Jamestown Campus
(336) 334-4822, ext. 50439; email: limitedentry@gtcc.edu

Please PRINT OR TYPE the information below. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify GTCC IN ADVANCE OF SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION of any name, address, or telephone changes.

Name _____
Last First Middle GTCC Student ID Number (not SSN)

Address _____
Number Street Apt. Number

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____ Daytime _____

GTCC Email Address _____ Alternate Email _____

Indicate the program to which you are applying for admission.

NOTE: A separate application must be completed for each program if applying to more than one program.

- LPN to A.A.S. Nursing Bridge Degree (summer 2020) – Application Deadline is January 31, 2020
- Nursing A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is February 14, 2020
- Nursing RIBN Associate Degree to B.S.N Program (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is February 28, 2020
- Dental Hygiene A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is March 13, 2020
- Dental Assisting Diploma (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is March 27, 2020
- NEW PROGRAM!** Surgical Technology A.A.S Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is April 10, 2020
- Pharmacy Technology Diploma (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is April 17, 2020
- Pharmacy Technology Diploma to A.A.S. Bridge (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is April 17, 2020
- Medical Assisting A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is May 15, 2020
- Radiography A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is May 22, 2020
- Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is May 29, 2020
- Health Information Technology A.A.S. Degree (fall 2020) – Application Deadline is June 12, 2020



Have you previously been accepted to or enrolled in the SAME program @ GTCC to which you are applying? Yes (_____) No

Semester/Year

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Application Packet Received/Verified on (date/time): _____

Signature of LE Office Staff: _____

Health Sciences Program Application Checklist

- I understand that ALL required documentation must be attached to the *Health Sciences Program Application* at the time it is submitted. I understand that, once I submit my application, nothing can be added to or removed from my file.
- I verify that all high school/GED and college transcripts (if applicable) have been received by GTCC and that any applicable transfer credit has been awarded.
- I completed the mandatory *Program Information Session* for the program to which I am applying (**select one option**).
 - I completed a “seated” Program Information Session on (Date): _____ **OR**
 - I completed the online Program Information Session and Quiz on (Date): _____ .
- I have attached a copy of my GTCC Unofficial WebAdvisor Transcript.** I understand that my final grades, including all applicable transfer credits, must be posted to my GTCC transcript by the deadline date to be considered for verification of having met the minimum admission requirements and for earning possible ranking points in the selection process.
- Program-Specific Admission Criteria:** I have attached the following supporting documentation to demonstrate completion of the following **program-specific admission criteria**:

Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Applicants	LPN to Associate Degree Nursing Bridge Applicants	Dental Hygiene, Radiography, and Physical Therapist Assistant Applicants
<input type="checkbox"/> ATI TEAS Score Report	<input type="checkbox"/> ATI TEAS Score Report	<input type="checkbox"/> ATI TEAS Score Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Current NC Nurse Aide Certification Verification from the NC DHSR Access the Registry at: https://www.ncnar.org/verify_listings1.jsp	<input type="checkbox"/> Current Unrestricted Licensed Practical Nurse Verification from the NC Board of Nursing Access the License Verification System at: https://apps.ncbon.com/LicenseVerification/Search.aspx	

- Completion of Related Experience (See the “Calculation of Points for Ranking and Selection” sheet for specific items accepted for submission:** I understand that any supporting documentation of **related experience** that I wish to submit must also be attached to this application in order to be considered for ranking points. I verify that I have attached the following items to document this experience:

Description of Item You Wish to Be Considered for Related Experience Ranking Points:	Documentation to Verify Experience (Please check)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Documentation Attached
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Signature of Applicant

Date