

The Physical Therapist Assistant program has a selective admissions process. The cap for new student enrollment each fall semester is 24. This packet will outline minimum criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process. Before applying, it is recommended to review the [Technical Standards and Essential Functions](#) required for the program. Reading these standards carefully along with a realistic assessment of your own personality, interests, abilities, strengths, and weaknesses will ensure that you choose a program and career path that is a good fit for you.

Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety as some requirements are time-sensitive.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students).**
 - *Students currently enrolled at GTCC do not need to complete a new application for admission. These students will begin with the remaining steps and make sure the NC Residency is current.*
 - *See page 2 for details on this requirement.*
 - *It is **highly recommended** to have this step completed by May 12th.*

- ✓ **Complete the REQUIRED online Program Information Session by May 19th.**
 - *See page 3 for instructions for accessing the session.*
 - *Sessions completed for previous admission cycles are **NOT** accepted.*

- ✓ **Demonstrate “college readiness” for Mathematics.**
 - *See page 3 to view options for meeting this requirement.*

- ✓ **Completion of the following PREREQUISITE general education courses with a grade of “C” or higher:**
 - *BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2013 or later)*
 - *PHY 110/110A – Conceptual Physics/Lab (completed 2013 or later)*
 - *PSY 150 – General Psychology*
 - *ENG 111 – Writing & Inquiry*
 - *Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*

- ✓ **Complete the ATI TEAS and achieve a minimum composite score of **66**.**
 - *ATI TEAS scores must be **no older than two years from the Limited Entry Program start date (2021)**.*
 - *Prior versions of the TEAS (i.e. TEAS IV, TEAS V) will not be accepted.*
 - *See page 3 for information on scheduling an exam with the Testing Center.*

- ✓ **Submit the Fall 2023 Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application**
 - *Applications can be submitted **April 24th through May 26th**.*
 - *See page 4 for details on application submissions*

Note: Meeting all criteria listed above does not guarantee acceptance to the program. However, all criteria must be met to apply and be considered for selection.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

General Education Courses

*Prerequisite courses are in **BOLD** and must be completed prior to applying to the program.*

The remaining courses may be taken prior to applying to the program to lighten the academic load and for possible award of ranking points.

BIO 168	Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2013 or later)	4 credits
PHY 110/110A	Conceptual Physics and Lab (completed 2013 or later)	4 credits
PSY 150	General Psychology	3 credits
ENG 111	Writing & Inquiry	3 credits
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	Select from <u>GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses</u>	3 credits
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II (completed 2013 or later)	4 credits
Communication or English Course	COM 110 (Introduction to Communication), COM 120 (Introduction to Interpersonal Communication), COM 231 (Public Speaking), ENG 112 (Writing/Research in the Disciplines), ENG 113 (Writing/Literature Research) or ENG 114 (Professional Research and Reporting)	3 credits
Total General Education Credits:		24 credits

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Courses

These courses are taken once accepted to the program.

Fall 2023		
PTA 110	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3 credits
PTA 125	Gross and Functional Anatomy	5 credits
PTA 135	Pathology	4 credits
Spring 2024		
PTA 145	Therapeutic Procedures	4 credits
PTA 215	Therapeutic Exercise	3 credits
PTA 222	Professional Interactions	2 credits
PTA 245	PTA Clinical III	4 credits
Summer 2024		
PTA 225	Introduction to Rehabilitation	4 credits
PTA 255	PTA Clinic IV	4 credits
Fall 2024		
PTA 212	Health Care/Resources	2 credits
PTA 235	Neurological Rehabilitation	5 credits
PTA 155	PTA Clinical	2 credits
PTA 185	PTA Clinical II	3 credits
Total PTA Course Credits:		45 credits
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE:		69 credits

LIMITED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS – GTCC HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS

MEET PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students)

- **New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admission, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS).** To get started, visit <https://www.gtcc.edu/admissions-and-aid/apply-now.php>
 - **Returning students**= students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than 12 months
- **Submit your official transcripts to the GTCC Admissions Office.** Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Enrollment Services staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record as appropriate.
 - **Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.** This process takes longer near the beginning or end of a semester. Transfer credits from regionally-accredited colleges/universities must appear on your GTCC WebAdvisor transcript in order to be considered for meeting program requirements and/or earning ranking points.
- **Activate your GTCC Titan Account.** You should be able to do this within 48 hours of completing your GTCC Application.
 - **Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with activating your GTCC Titan Account, you may contact Student Tech Support 1-866-826-3748.

Complete the Required Online Program Information Session by 5pm, May 19th

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement!

This session will provide you with a detailed overview of the program, faculty and student expectations, class schedules and clinical requirements, the minimum program admission requirements, submitting your program application, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class.

- **You must have an activated Titan account to access the information session.**
- Enroll yourself in the [Limited Entry Health Programs Information Sessions Canvas course](#) and complete the **Fall 2023 Physical Therapist Assistant module**. You must pass all three modules with a score of 100% to receive credit for completing this task and to access the program application. **Access to the module will close at 5pm on May 19th!**

Demonstrate College Readiness for Mathematics

You must be able to demonstrate that you have achieved the appropriate levels of college readiness in mathematics. The chart below shows options for meeting this requirement.

COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
<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: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 3: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of P2
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 5: An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from a regionally-accredited institution
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 6: Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. <u>If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions!</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Option 7: Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with a GPA of 2.8 or higher

****If you are unsure whether you meet this requirement, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with an Academic Advisor in the Student Success Center for clarification PRIOR TO submitting your Program Application.**

Completion of the Prerequisite Courses (BIO 168, PHY 110/110A, PSY 150, ENG 111, and Fine Arts/Humanities elective) with a "C" or better

These courses must be reflected on your unofficial transcript in WebAdvisor. All science courses must be completed within the past 10 years (since 2013).

Complete the ATI TEAS and Achieve a Minimum Composite Score of 66

You may schedule your ATI TEAS through the GTCC Assessment Center or an ATI-approved testing center. **Your ATI TEAS scores may be no older than two years from the Limited Entry Program start date (2021).**

- To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit <https://www2.registerblast.com/gtcc/Exam/List>.
 - For questions related to scheduling the exam at GTCC, please contact the Assessment Center (testingcenter@gtcc.edu or 336-334-4822, ext. 50574).
- For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit www.atitesting.com.
- **NOTE: Exam scores do not need to be sent to GTCC. You will be required to upload a copy of your score to your program application.**

NEW SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Program Applications will be accepted April 24, 2023 through 5pm on May 26, 2023.

Once you have completed all of the program admission requirements, it's time to submit your program application. This will be completed electronically through the *Limited Entry Health Programs Information Sessions* course in Canvas. Once you have completed all three modules with a score of 100% the link for the application can be accessed starting April 24, 2023.

- Only one submission will be permitted for each applicant
- You will be required to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS score
- If applicable, you will upload documentation of other ranking criteria
- **It is critical that you check your WebAdvisor transcript to make sure all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. Ranking points will only be given for courses that are on record. It is your responsibility to ensure all official transcripts have been submitted to Admissions and processed for transfer credits.**
- Incomplete and/or ineligible applications will not be moved forward
- **Applications will not be reviewed by the Limited Entry Programs Office until after the May 26th deadline. It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your application**

PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Ranking and Selection Process

One to two weeks following the May 26th deadline, all application submissions will be screened by the Limited Entry Programs Office to confirm all minimum criteria has been met. All applicants will be notified via GTCC email if their submission will be moved forward to the Selection Committee for the final ranking review.

The next 2-3 weeks following the initial screening, the Health Sciences Review Committee (comprised of Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, Dean of Health Sciences, and Limited Entry Programs Office Staff) will review all eligible applications.

Applicants are ranked using a points system and will be selected based on the total points earned (see below). Ties will be decided based on the following criteria: 1) The total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The ATI TEAS composite score; and 3) The date of the Limited Entry Program Application for the program of interest.

CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION

(NOTE: Courses that have received "Pass/Fail" or "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" grades will be considered equivalent to a "C".)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
REMEMBER: Courses in BOLD are prerequisites and are <u>REQUIRED</u> to be completed prior to applying	
BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I (completed since 2013)	A = 8; B = 4
PHY 110 - Conceptual Physics Lecture (completed since 2013)	A = 4; B = 2
PHY 110A - Conceptual Physics Lab (completed since 2013)	A = 2; B = 1
PSY 150 - General Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	A = 4; B = 2
*Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	A = 4; B = 2
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II (completed since 2013)	A = 8; B = 4
Communications or English course: *COM 110 (Intro. to Comm.), *COM 120 (Intro. to Interpersonal Comm.), *COM 231 (Public Speaking), ENG 112 (Writing/Research in the Disciplines), ENG 113 (Literature Based Research) or ENG 114 (Professional Research and Reporting)	A = 4; B = 2

ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
PSY 241 - Developmental Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking is preferred for the program. Additional points are awarded for completion of this course with a grade of "B" or higher	1
*Communication courses are preferred for the program. Additional points are awarded for completion COM 110, COM 120, or COM 231 with a grade of "A" or "B".	2

AP (Advanced Placement) courses: applicants who earned AP credit for general education courses may earn ranking points based on the following criteria: **AP score of 5 = grade of "A"** **AP score of 4 = grade of "B"** **AP score of 3 = grade of "C"**

Official AP scores must have been submitted to the GTCC Admissions Office to earn AP course credit. Advanced Placement credits for BIO and CHM courses must have been awarded within ten years of the program's start date (since 2013).

ATI TEAS SCORE	
Score Range	Points Awarded
66 – 69	0
70 – 76	2
77 – 83	4
84 – 90	6
91 – 95	8
96 – 100	10

OTHER RANKING CRITERIA	Points Awarded
College-Level Programs: Points awarded for HIGHEST level completed – TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!	
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

Current Health-Related Certification/Licensure (ONE certification may be submitted) -- MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION.	
<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><u>Points will be given to applicants who hold current certification/licensure in the following areas:</u> <i>licensed or certified dental hygienists, athletic trainers, massage therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, occupational therapists, exercise physiologists, respiratory therapists, speech language pathologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, audiologists, Army medics, Navy corpsmen, etc.</i> <i>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>	3

TOTAL RANKING POINTS	Points Awarded
General Education Courses Required for the Degree	
Additional Courses Not Required for the Degree	
ATI TEAS Score	
Other Ranking Criteria	
TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED:	

Notification Process

Final results will be sent electronically to the applicant’s GTCC email address **approximately** 4 weeks after the application deadline – it is the applicant’s responsibility to check this email account frequently to avoid missing important communications from GTCC.

- **Applicants offered a seat must accept or decline a program position by submitting an Intent to Enroll Form within 5 calendar 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.
- **Applicants have 7 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 Ms. Monica Banks, Limited Entry Program Coordinator (mvbanks@gtcc.edu). Ms. Banks will route your appeal to the authorized administrator who will render a decision within 7-10 business days of receipt of the written request. **The Administrator’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; 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.

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.

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, students agree 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.

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.0 or better in order to graduate. Students who receive a grade of "D" in a general education course (other than BIO or CHM) can graduate as long as their GPA is at least 2.0. However, a grade of "D" in a general education course will not transfer to another institution, nor will GTCC accept a grade of "D" for credit from another institution. Students must achieve a "C" or better in BIO, CHM, and program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the program.

GTCC's Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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

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