



Physical Therapist Assistant Information Packet

The attached information packet will provide you with detailed information on the Physical Therapist Assistant program. You may also log onto www.newriver.edu and select the following: Quick Links/Degree Programs/Physical Therapist Assistant. If you have any questions, please contact Tamara Rahal at (304) 929-3324.



Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Program Overview

Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program Mission Statement:

The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Department is to provide each student the necessary education to become a competent entry-level physical therapist assistant. This is achieved through professional education and training using sequential instruction, practical clinical experiences, and mentoring. Emphasized throughout the student experience are critical thinking, scientific inquiry, ethics, professional behaviors, and team skills, as well as examination of the preferred relationship between the PT and PTA. Also emphasized is development of professional behaviors that facilitate and enhance positive therapeutic relationships with patients including respect and sensitivity for ethnic, cultural and spiritual differences. Qualified clinical sites further support these ideas through clinical education and mentoring.

Technical Standards

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA) program prepares graduates to enter a variety of employment settings and to render care in a safe and competent manner to a wide variety of patients. The technical standards set forth by the program establish the essential qualities considered necessary for students admitted to this program to achieve the knowledge, skills, and competencies of an entry-level PTA, as well as meet the expectations of the program's accrediting agency (Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education [CAPTE]). These standards will also aid New River Community and Technical College in assessing student requests for reasonable accommodations in accordance with the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA, 1990).

Students admitted to the program must possess the following abilities and expectations, with or without the need for accommodation. Compliance with the program's technical standards does not directly indicate a student's ability to successfully complete the program, graduate with an AAS Physical Therapist Assistant degree or to pass the Physical Therapist Assistant version of the National Physical Therapy Exam.

Students admitted into the PTA program at New River Community and Technical College must demonstrate:

1. **Critical thinking** skills to sufficiently assimilate, analyze, and integrate and problem solve to formulate appropriate judgments with regards to all aspects of patient treatment within the plan of care, as well as moral and ethical situations.
2. **Communication skills** sufficient to verbally and non-verbally communicate with the patient, family members and care givers as well as the supervising PT and all members of the health care team.
3. **Interpersonal skills** sufficient to interact with the patient, family members and care givers as well as the supervising PT and all members of the health care team from a variety of backgrounds including but not limited to socioeconomic, religious, ethnic and cultural.
4. **Physical capacity** to perform aspects of patient care including use of equipment, patient positioning and

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transfers, and assistance during emergency situations. Students may be required to perform at a moderate work capacity, meaning they can safely lift and carry equipment and supplies/materials up to 50 pounds without help, and over 50 pounds with assistance of another person or mechanical device.

5. **Motor skills** sufficient to perform patient interventions, including but not limited to, passive range of motion, modalities, manual muscle testing, goniometry, and all other skills requiring motor skills that are deemed necessary by the PTA program.
6. **Visual** acuity sufficient to observe patient status, patient response to treatment and compilation of objective information including but not limited to edema, goniometric measurements, and gait deviations.
7. **Hearing** capability sufficient for patient interaction and aspects of patient care including but not limited to heart rate, respiration rate, and accurate blood pressure.
8. **Tactile** ability sufficient for assessment techniques including but not limited to palpation of muscle, bony landmarks, normal and abnormal joint movements.

Licensure

Graduates of New River Community and Technical College's PTA program will be eligible to take the Physical Therapist Assistant version of the National Physical Therapy Examination since granted probationary accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. This national licensure exam entitles individuals to apply for licensure in a single state or in multiple states, if desired. Requirements for jurisprudence exams and continuing education requirements vary from state to state and should be research for that state in which you choose to apply for licensure.

Requirements for licensure application and continuing education through the West Virginia Board of Physical Therapy can be found at www.wvbopt.com

New River Community and Technical College Mission

New River Community and Technical College provides accessible, affordable, quality education and workforce programs to meet the needs of the region it serves.

New River Community and Technical College Values

Shared values guide New River Community and Technical College in fulfilling its mission. These values influence thoughts, guide decisions, mold policies, and determine courses of action. Our employees are expected to support and enact these values in our daily work.

Community, Integrity, Justice, Service, and Scholarship.

To view how these values are applied, log onto <http://www.newriver.edu/about-new-river-aa/31-about-new-river/1338-values-statement>.

New River Community and Technical College Vision

New River Community and Technical College improves students' lives and enriches communities.

Non-Discrimination Policy

New River Community and Technical College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution, committed to the principle that minorities, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, marital status, veteran or military status, disability or genetic information.

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Program Length:

The program utilizes a 1+1 format; one year of general education and science courses followed by one year of physical therapist assistant technical education. The general education portion consists of two, sixteen week semesters. The technical education phase begins in August of each year. The Fall semester consists of fourteen weeks of technical education, followed by an integrated three week clinical affiliation. The Spring semester consists of sixteen weeks of technical education. The summer semester consists of two terminal clinical affiliations of six weeks each followed by one week of a Capstone course prior to graduation. New River Community and Technical College will award an Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant to all students who successfully complete all of the academic requirements of the program.

Program Sequence and Plan of Study:

Pre-Requisite Courses (suggested sequence)

First Semester

ENGL 101	Composition ¹	3
PSYC 103	General Psychology	3
BIOL 231	Anatomy & Physiology I ²	3
BIOL 233L	Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
MATH 109	Algebra	3
MAST 105	Medical Terminology	3
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Second Semester

ENGL 102	Research ³	3
BIOL 232	Anatomy & Physiology II ⁴	3
BIOL 234L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
BIOL 205	Kinesiology ⁵	3
BIOL 206L	Kinesiology Lab	1
MAST 109	Pharmacology for Medical Assisting	3
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Technical Phase Courses⁶ (required sequence)

Fall: August – December (Third Semester)

PTHA 220	Patient Care Skills	2
PTHA 220L	Patient Care Skills Lab	1
PTHA 222	Observations & Measurements	2
PTHA 222L	Observations & Measurements Lab	1
PTHA 226	Therapeutic Modalities	2
PTHA 226L	Therapeutic Modalities Lab	1
PTHA 230	Pathologic Conditions	3
PTHA 232	Clinical Education I	3
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Spring: January - May (Fourth Semester)

PTHA 234	Neurology & Pediatrics	3
PTHA 234L	Neurology & Pediatrics Lab	1
PTHA 236	Orthopedics	3
PTHA 236L	Orthopedics Lab	1
PTHA 238	Rehabilitation	3
PTHA 238L	Rehabilitation Lab	1
PTHA 240	Seminar	2
		14

Summer: June - July (Fifth Semester)

PTHA 250	Clinical Education II	5
PTHA 251	Capstone Seminar	2
PTHA 252	Clinical Education III	5
		12

Pre-requisite totals:	30
Technical course totals:	41
Total credit hours for degree:	71

¹ **English 101 Composition (3-0-3).** Pre-requisite: ACT Reading Main score of 17 or “S” in ENGL 098 or COMPASS Reading score of 75 or above and ACT English Main score of 18 or “S” in ENGL 099 or COMPASS Writing score of 70 or above and Competent writing sample or diagnostic theme.

² **Biology 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3-0-3).** Pre-requisite: Eligibility for enrollment in English 101, high school Biology, Biology 101 or consent of instructor. Co-requisite: BIOL 233.

³ **English 102 Research (3-0-3).** Pre-requisite: C or higher in ENGL 101 or CLEP score of 500 or higher or advanced placement waiving ENGL 101 and C or higher in ENGL 100 or ACT English mechanics/usage subtest score of 9 or higher or COMPASS Writing Diagnostics test score of 76% or higher.

⁴ **Biology 232 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3-0-3).** Pre-requisite: BIOL 231, BIOL 233. CO-requisite: BIOL 234.

⁵ **Biology 205 Kinesiology (3-0-3).** Pre-requisite: C or higher in BIOL 231 and BIOL 233. CR: BIOL 206.

⁶ **Technical Phase Courses:** Students applying to the PTA program must complete all pre-requisite courses with a grade of “C” or better and an overall GPA of at least 2.75 for all college-level work. Acceptance to New River and meeting of program admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

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Program Application and Admission

Student Advising

Students must work with the Admissions Office to complete all admission requirements to be a fully admitted student to the college. The program faculty serve as the advisors for prospective program students. Students should contact the program directly for questions, additional information, and course scheduling. Advising is essential to assuring accuracy of information, clarification of questions, and for scheduling required pre-requisite courses. Please call 304-929-3324 or e-mail trahal@newriver.edu to schedule an advising appointment.

Selected Enrollment

The physical Therapist Assistant program is selected enrollment meaning that students must apply to the program and be accepted before enrolling in any course with a PTHA prefix. **A maximum of 20 students will be admitted into the program each August.** The admission is determined using a rubric which is provided in this information packet as well as online at <http://www.newriver.edu/quicklinks/degree-programs/23-multiple/academic-services/1246-physical-therapist-assistant-aas>. Acceptance to New River and meeting of program application requirements does not guarantee admission to the PTA Program.

Students accepted into the program are required to follow program policies and procedures, some of which differ from the institution policies and procedures. You may also view our complete policies and procedures manual via our program website at <http://www.newriver.edu/quicklinks/degree-programs/23-multiple/academic-services/1246-physical-therapist-assistant-aas>.

Program Application Requirements

Pre-Requisite Courses

Students must have completed or be enrolled in the program's 30 credit hours of prerequisite courses when applying to the program. Equivalent pre-requisite courses may be completed at any college or university; New River students are not given preference during the selection process. **All pre-requisite courses of the curriculum must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** Students have until the end of the traditional spring semester to complete pre-requisite courses. Students **must have an overall GPA of at least 2.75 for all college-level work.**

Volunteer Hours

Applicants are required to complete volunteer hours in at least two physical therapy settings (out-patient, acute care, skilled nursing facility, etc.), each with a different licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant. Volunteer hours cannot be completed via home health and must be completed within 1 calendar year of the application deadline. **A minimum of 40 volunteer hours is required to apply to the program;** however, applicants may choose to complete up to 80 volunteer hours. Persons that have been or are currently employed in a physical therapy setting and wish to use their work experience for credit must provide documentation from a PT or PTA member of the physical therapy staff. **All volunteer hours should be completed on the program's volunteer reference form and submitted in a signed and sealed single envelope from each setting and submitted by the student along with their program application.**

Program Application

The program application must be completed and submitted by the application deadline as indicated below.

Application Deadline

Application materials including the program application and documentation of all completed volunteer hours must be submitted to the PTA Program by the student in a single envelope. **Application materials may be hand delivered or mailed to the PTA Program and must be received on or before 4pm on April 30th.** However, if the 30th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the materials must be submitted the Friday prior to the 30th. *Materials submitted separately as well as faxed or e-mailed material will not be accepted.* Students are not permitted to submit application materials to any other college office.

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Estimated Program Cost 2016-17*

Estimated Tuition and Fees:

Tuition:

Resident (full-time, 5 semesters at \$1,983)	\$ 9,915.00
Non-Resident (full-time, 5 semesters at \$2,417)	\$12,085.00

Fees:

PTA Course Fee (\$25 per credit hour/PTHA courses only)	\$ 1,025.00
PTA Program Fee (\$300 per semester/3 semesters of Technical Phase only)	\$ 900.00
Student Services Fee (\$6 per credit hour, 71 credit hours)	\$ 426.00
Technology Fee (\$6 per credit hour, 71 credit hours)	\$ 426.00

Estimated Additional Cost:

Drug Screening	\$ 29.00
Criminal Background Investigation	\$ 46.00
Basic Life Support certification	\$ 30.00
Technical Phase Text Books	\$ 700.00
Graduation Pin (<i>optional</i>)	\$ 50.00
APTA & WVPTA Student Membership	\$ 95.00
Scorebuilders Licensure Prep Course	\$ 200.00
Licensure Application & Fees (WV)	\$ 190.00
Licensure Examination	\$ 370.00
Prometric Testing Center Fee	\$ 70.00

Estimated Total Cost:	In State Students	\$14,472.00
	Out of State Students	\$16,642.00

Required immunizations, gas, tolls, and housing arrangements (if applicable) required for clinical education affiliations are the responsibility of the student and cannot be estimated by the PTA program.

Proof of current medical insurance coverage is mandatory for all students throughout their enrollment in the PTA Program. Students that do not have current medical coverage can obtain information regarding student insurance policy coverage through the Office of Student Services.

A total of 71 credit hours are needed for the Associate of Science Physical Therapist Assistant degree. Please see the College catalog and/or the Physical Therapist Assistant suggested sequence of study sheet for additional information.

***Estimates are based on program completion as a full-time student as outlined by the program curriculum. This information is strictly to be used as an estimate to assist students in financial planning and may change at the discretion of New River Community and Technical College or the PTA program.**

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Admission Scale

The following Physical Therapist Assistant program admissions criteria and evaluative components are established and applied annually.

Revisions can and are made following each application cycle and are then used in the subsequent application year. The admissions process is evaluated annually by program students, the faculty and advisory committee for fairness and effectiveness in meeting the needs of the program, the institution and the profession of physical therapy.

Overall GPA

2.75 – 3.00	_____	2 pts.
3.01 – 3.25	_____	3 pts.
3.26 – 3.50	_____	4 pts.
3.51 – 3.75	_____	5 pts.
3.76 – 4.00	_____	6 pts.

Additional Degrees Earned

Master's	_____	6 pts.
Bachelor's	_____	4 pts.
Associate	_____	2 pts.

BIOL 231, Anatomy & Physiology I

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	6 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

BIOL 233L, Anatomy & Physiology I Lab

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	5 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

BIOL 232, Anatomy & Physiology II

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	6 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

BIOL 234L, Anatomy & Physiology II Lab

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	5 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

BIOL 205 Kinesiology

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	6 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

BIOL 206L Kinesiology Lab

"A" on 1st attempt	_____	5 pts.
"B" on 1st attempt	_____	4 pts.
"C" on 1st attempt	_____	3 pts.
min "C" > 2nd attempt	_____	1 pt.

Volunteer Hours

= 40 hours	_____	1 pt.
41 – 50 hours	_____	2 pts.
51 – 60 hours	_____	3 pts.
61 – 70 hours	_____	4 pts.
71 – 80 hours	_____	5 pts.

Volunteer Rating Total

8 – 11	_____	1 pt.
13 – 19	_____	2 pts.
20 – 26	_____	3 pts.
27 – 33	_____	4 pts.
34 – 40	_____	5 pts.

Work Experience (must be PT related)

0 - 12 months	_____	1 pt.
13 - 23 months	_____	2 pts.
24 - 35 months	_____	3 pts.
36 - 47 months	_____	4 pts.
48 - 59 months	_____	5 pts.
> 60 months	_____	6 pts.

TOTAL POINTS EARNED: _____

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Fall 2017 Program Application

Date _____ SS # *** - ** - _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____
last 4 digits mm dd yr

Name _____
Last First MI Maiden

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Telephone _____ (C) _____ (H) _____ (W)

E-mail Address _____

High School Attended _____

Date of Graduation ____ / ____ / ____ Date of GED (if applicable) ____ / ____ / ____
mm dd yr mm dd yr

Have you taken the ACT? yes no date taken ____ / ____ / ____
mm dd yr
critical reading score _____ math score _____ writing score _____

Have you taken the SAT? yes no date taken ____ / ____ / ____
mm dd yr
English score _____ science reasoning score _____
math score _____ reading score _____ writing score _____

Have you taken the Accuplacer test? yes no date taken ____ / ____ / ____
mm dd yr
English score _____ math score _____

Have you applied for admission to New River?

If yes, have you been accepted? yes no
If yes, what is your student ID# _____

Have you applied for financial aid? yes no

Are you a veteran? yes no *If yes, please submit a copy of your identification card to the PTA Program along with your application.*

List additional college(s) and/or university(s) attended or currently attending

Name of Institution	State	Dates Attended	Degree	Date of Graduation

- *Students who have obtained a degree must provide the PTA Program with a copy or verification of the degree at the time their program application is submitted.*

How did you learn about the physical therapist assistant program at New River?

Student Signature

Date

New River Community and Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, blindness or disability in its educational programs or in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment as required by applicable state and federal law.

The offices listed below have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Inquiries Contact:

Leah Taylor

Vice President of Administrative Services
Phone: 304.929.6701

New River Community and Technical College
280 University Drive
Beaver, WV 25813

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Date Received: / /
 mm dd yr initials

Has the student been advised by the PTA program? yes no
If no, please call student to schedule advising appointment...

advising date scheduled form: / /
 mm dd yr

Does student have an advising file? yes no

Does file include copy/copies of official transcripts from additional institutions attended? yes no

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Volunteer Reference Form

To the Applicant: Please complete the top section of this form before submitting it to the PT or PTA at the facility where you are performing your volunteer hours. Applicants are required to complete volunteer hours in at least two physical therapy settings, each with a different licensed PT or PTA. Volunteer hours cannot be completed via home health and must be completed within 1 calendar year of the application deadline. A minimum of 40 volunteer hours is required to apply to the program; however, applicants may choose to complete up to 80 volunteer hours. Persons that have been or are currently employed in a physical therapy setting and wish to use their work experience for credit must provide documentation from a PT or PTA member of the physical therapy staff. All volunteer documentation should be in a signed and sealed single envelope from each setting and submitted by the student along with their program application.

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

last 4 SS# *-**-_____ E-mail address:** _____

To the PT or PTA: Thank you for providing volunteer opportunities for prospective PTA students. Please complete the remainder of this form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap. All volunteer documentation is to be submitted at one time, in a single envelope by the student along with their program application.

Total Volunteer Hours _____ **Employment Length (Months) (if applicable)** _____

Please rate the professional behaviors of the volunteer below:

Professional Behaviors	Excellent		Average		Poor
Demonstrates Initiative	5	4	3	2	1
Professional appearance	5	4	3	2	1
Seeks opportunities to learn	5	4	3	2	1
Basic knowledge of the profession	5	4	3	2	1
Adheres to assigned schedule	5	4	3	2	1
Follows direction/instructions	5	4	3	2	1
Asks pertinent questions	5	4	3	2	1
Overall professionalism	5	4	3	2	1

PT or PTA signature _____
Date

Please print clearly:
Name & Credentials: _____ Phone: _____

Facility: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

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Fact Sheet

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM & WHEN CAN I APPLY?

The program consists of 3 semesters. Students accepted into the PTA program begin in the Fall semester, complete their 2nd semester in Spring and finish their last semester in the Summer. The deadline to apply is April 30th (*unless the 30th falls on a weekend; In that case, the application is due the prior Friday*).

WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT TO APPLY?

- PTA Program Application
- Two volunteer reference forms (each completed in different settings, shadowing a certified PT or PTA)

Each volunteer reference form should be in a sealed envelope with the PT or PTA's signature and submitted at once with the PTA program application in a single envelope.

ARE THERE MINIMUM GPA EXPECTATIONS WHEN APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM?

Yes. Students must demonstrate a minimum cumulative GPA (all previous college coursework) of **2.75**.

WHAT IS THE "CRITERIA" THAT IS CONSIDERED TOWARD ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM?

The admission rubric can be reference online at <http://www.newriver.edu/quicklinks/degree-programs/23-multiple/academic-services/1246-physical-therapist-assistant-aas>.

DO I NEED TO COMPLETE ANY PREREQUISITE CLASSES BEFORE BEING ADMITTED?

Yes. The general education courses consist of 30 credit hours that must be completed prior to admission into the PTA Program. Students should note that they can apply to the program while completing their remaining pre-requisite courses.

WHERE SHOULD I COMPLETE MY VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE?

Volunteer hours may be completed in any Physical Therapy setting, with the exception of home health. Note that volunteer hours must be split between two separate settings, each under the supervision of a certified PT or PTA. The program requires a minimum of 40 volunteer hours to apply to the program. However, students may choose to complete up to 80 volunteer hours.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES?

ENGL 101	Composition	ENGL 102	Research
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BIOL 231	Anatomy & Physiology I	BIOL 234L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab
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MAST 105	Medical Terminology	MAST 109	Pharmacology for Medical Assisting

HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE ADMITTED INTO THE PROGRAM?

A total of twenty (20) students are admitted each Fall semester. The twenty students admitted are based on the top scores of the rubric criteria form.

WHAT ARE THE CLINICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM?

The clinical education portion of the program includes a series of three off-campus clinical education experiences.

- PTHA 232, Clinical Education I, is a 3-week affiliation at the end of the first fall semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 120 clinical hours.
- PTHA 250, Clinical Education II, is a 6-week affiliation in the third semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 240 clinical hours.
- PTHA 252, Clinical Education III, is a 6-week affiliation in the third semester of the technical portion of the program. Students are placed in a facility under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant and required to complete a minimum of 240 clinical hours.

Clinical affiliation sites and availability vary and are determined by each individual facility based on staffing, patient load and other factors that influence the facility's ability to provide the student with an optimum clinical experience. Every effort is made to place students in facilities that disrupt their domestic arrangements as little as possible, but the primary purpose of the clinical affiliation is to ensure that each student gains the variety of experience required to become a competent entry-level physical therapist assistant. Expenses, including gas, tolls, food, clothing and housing (if necessary), are the responsibility of the student.

WHEN WILL ADMISSION NOTIFICATIONS BE SENT OUT?

Admission files will only be reviewed after final Spring semester grades have been posted to the transcripts. Students will be notified of their admission status by the end of June.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT GET ACCEPTED?

Students may reapply to the program but must complete new volunteer hours to submit with an updated application. Students may also contact the Student Success Center to discuss other possible degree options.

CAN I COMPLETE MY VOLUNTEER HOURS EARLY?

Volunteer hours cannot be over 1 year past the deadline to apply. For instance, students applying for Fall 2017 cannot submit volunteer hours prior to April 30, 2016 since the deadline to apply for Fall 2017 is April 30, 2017.

IS THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM ACCREDITED?

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