



**Health Sciences Division
Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

Dear PTA applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the PTA program. Physical therapy is a rewarding and demanding career field with job possibilities in all types of health care environments. Graduates from our program earn a two-year Associate in Science Degree and may apply for licensure as a Physical Therapist Assistant by examination in the state of Florida.

The PTA program is exciting, challenging and action-packed. The faculty and staff work hard to ensure that the program meets both our community needs and CAPTE accreditation standards. We look forward to helping you by answering any questions you may have about our program or the physical therapy profession.

Sincerely,

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The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Gulf Coast State College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (703) 706-3245, email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (850) 913-3312, or email mcumbaa@gulfcoast.edu.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION

DEADLINE: MAY 6, 2021

The physical therapist assistant (PTA) is a skilled technical health care worker who delivers physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of the physical therapist (PT). PTAs carry out treatments designed by the PT that include a variety of interventions to help patients return to function and activities of daily living. PTA duties may include instructing patients in therapeutic exercises for strengthening, flexibility, balance and coordination; developing mobility and functional skills; applying physical agents such as heat, cold, electricity and traction; and communicating with the PT as the patient's medical condition changes. The physical therapist assistant is responsible for monitoring and reporting the patient's response to treatment to the physical therapist. This requires the PTA to collect data, document treatments administered, and communicate findings objectively.

Physical therapy is a rewarding and demanding career field with job possibilities in all types of health care environments. Employment opportunities can be found in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, home health agencies, schools, and outpatient PT clinics. According to the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), the mean annual wage is \$58,520 in the country, but a higher or little lower in some areas. The mean entry-level hourly wage for Bay & Gulf counties was reported as \$21.64, according to PTA Occupational Profile report completed in January of 2020, by CareerSource Gulf Coast. To be successful in this career you should be comfortable with performing physical activity, have a strong background in science, be able to communicate well with a diverse group of people, and have an interest in disease prevention and wellness.

The Gulf Coast State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education and accepts one class of 16-20 students per year in the fall semester. Applications will be accepted any time throughout the year, but the application deadline is **MAY 6th** for Fall 2021 desired admission. It is the **student's** responsibility to see that the application is complete. The items listed on the front of the Applicant Checklist should be submitted to Admissions, and the items on the back of the Applicant Checklist should be submitted with the Health Sciences PTA Application. You do not need to turn in the Applicant Checklist itself; this document just serves as a guide to help you gather documents in support of your application to the program. Submit the Health Sciences PTA Application to Mr. Carlini on the second floor of the Health Sciences Building or by email to HealthSciencesGCSC@gulfcoast.edu with a subject heading of "PTA Application 2021."

This program uses a selective admission process, and satisfaction of the minimum requirements does not automatically guarantee admission. Completed applications will be sent to the PTA Admissions Committee for review. All applicants will be notified in writing, within 6 weeks after the deadline, whether they are accepted into the program, placed on an alternate list, or not accepted for the current year. **No acceptance results will be given over the phone. Once "conditionally accepted" into the program, students are required to complete/pass a background check, drug screening, physical exam, and attend a mandatory orientation in July/August. There is a strict professionalism policy required in this program, and attendance is mandatory. Please refer to the [PTA Program Student Handbook](#) for details.**

Thank you again for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. If you have any questions, please contact:

- Dr. Melinda Cumbaa, Program Coordinator, (850) 913-3312
- Dr. Kelli Walsingham, Assistant Coordinator & ACCE, (850) 769-1551, Ext. 6180
- Mr. Adam Carlini, Health Sciences Academic Program Specialist, (850) 913-3311
- Mrs. Rebecca Acton, PTA Administrative Assistant, (850) 873-3589

**GULF COAST
STATE COLLEGE
PTA PROGRAM**



**Application
Deadline:
May 6,
2021**

Applicant Checklist

Submit the items on this list to GCSC Admissions and Records Office:

- Apply for general admission to Gulf Coast State College and pay GCSC application fee at time of submission. Declare the major: Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant/Applicant. Returning students who have not taken classes at GCSC in the last year must re-apply for admission.**

Note: While working on admission to this program, you may choose the Associate of Arts as your major only if you intend to complete that separate degree either before or after this limited access program. To request a major change, visit: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/documents/program-change-form.pdf>. Students declaring an unintended major for the sole purpose of receiving financial aid may be subject to penalties including repayment of any financial aid received.

Failure to pay the college application fee at the time of submission can result in your ineligibility for program consideration, due to delays with processing.

Call (850) 872-3892 or visit the college Office of Admissions and Records located in the Administration Annex to receive information regarding the college admissions process. Applications are available online at: <http://www.gulfcoast.edu>

- Provide official High School (or GED) AND All College Transcripts to GCSC Enrollment Services**

An official transcript is a transcript that is sent directly from the granting school/institution to the Gulf Coast State College Admissions and Records Office. Transcripts that have been in the student's possession (regardless of whether they are "sealed," stamped, or in a sealed envelope) are not considered official and will not be accepted. Transcripts must be submitted from **BOTH High School (GED) and ALL Colleges or Universities** attended and must display all periods of enrollment. **The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all college transcripts are evaluated by the May 6th deadline.** *Note: If graduating from high school after the program deadline, conditional acceptance may be considered by the admissions committee.*

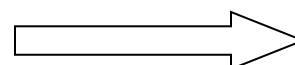
- Demonstrate Math/Algebra, English and Reading Competency**

Students may demonstrate this competency in one of the following quantitative methods:

Subject	PERT	ACT	SAT	College Course
Math/Algebra	114	19	440 or 24 (new)	Eligibility for or successful completion of 3-credit minimum course with prefix MAC, MGF, or STA (flexible placement does not apply)
English	103	17	440 in Critical Reading or 24 (new)	Eligibility for ENC 1101 English Composition I or successful completion of the course. (flexible placement does not apply)
Reading	106	19		

If the applicant wishes to use test scores to demonstrate competency for any of the above, and the test was not administered at Gulf Coast State College, the applicant must have an OFFICIAL score report sent to the GCSC testing office. **The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the test scores are received and posted to their GCSC computer record by the May 6th deadline.** The PERT is administered in Student Union West, 3rd floor testing area, and may be taken two times per semester. The cost is \$7.00 per testing session. Please consult the Placement Testing Schedule at <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/admissions/testing-services/college-placement-test/testing-dates-times.html> or call (850) 769-1551, Ext. 3533 for additional information.

Checklist continued on back of this sheet



Submit the items on this list with your PTA Application:

PTA Program Application Packet – Note: Students who have previously been admitted to any Physical Therapy, Physical Therapist Assistant, or Health Sciences Program must produce a Letter of Recommendation (Letter of Good Standing) from the director of that program in order to be considered for admission. Complete and submit the following materials in this packet:

- ✓ **1. PTA Application** *Note: This must be submitted early for those needing a Bachelor's degree evaluation to be processed. Make sure to declare "Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant/Applicant" as a major or evaluations and other processes could be delayed.*
- ✓ **2. Technical Standards Form**

EXTRA CREDIT

Completion of these general education courses with a minimum grade of "C" will earn extra credit for application into the PTA program

- ✓ ENC 1101
- ✓ MAC 1105 or STA 2023 or MGF 1106 or MGF 1107, or a higher level math course
- ✓ BSC 2085/ BSC 2086 Anatomy & Physiology I /II, (Lab is required, but lab grade does not contribute to admission points.)
- ✓ HSC 1531 Medical Terminology (Only grade of A or B will earn extra credit for this course.)

If these courses are coming from another institution, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that they have been submitted via an official transcript, evaluated and posted to their GCSC computer record by the May 6th deadline. Courses taken at GCSC during the spring semester in which the application has been submitted will also be considered for extra credit. Multiple attempts at a course will result in a reduction of admission points in this section.

EXTRA CREDIT- Work/Observation Form – MUST USE CURRENT FORM(S) PROVIDED ONLY

Documented evidence of a minimum of 40 hours of observation or work experience in a PT environment, requires signature of a PT or PTA; additional points will be considered for hours documented above the minimum (>40 observation or >240 work) and for hours spent in a variety of settings. If at least 10 hours (of the 40) are documented in an Inpatient setting and 10 of those 40 hours are documented in an Outpatient setting, then additional points may be earned. [Update 9/26/20: Due to COVID-19, extra points for a variety of settings will not be awarded for this application cycle.]

It is required that the applicant use the *Physical Therapy Experience Form* in this packet; we do not accept other PT experience forms. **NOTE: Observations are optional for admission, but count for 25% of admission points!**

It is the student's responsibility to maintain copies of all application materials, including observation/work hours. We DO NOT carry over, copy, or return applications or other documents. If using documentation from previous years, write "see attached" in the signature portion only on the **2021 form** and submit the previous year's form for reference. All other areas on the **2021 form** must be filled out completely or the forms will not be considered.

Note: Work/ Observation hours may be updated at any point through the deadline, following submission of the PTA application.

EXTRA CREDIT- Additional documentation (if applicable):

Either advanced degree or current certifications achieved (i.e. BS, BA, MA or MS) in a related field (i.e., exercise physiology, *massage therapy, *athletic trainer certification, *or other medically applicable certificate).

**Must also submit a copy of license or certificate with application by the May 6th deadline.*

Degree(s) achieved, must be included in official transcripts sent to GCSC Admissions and Records Office.

A Bachelor's evaluation packet must be completed internally by the May 6th deadline. (*Note: The student must complete the following steps in order for the bachelor's degree to be evaluated internally by May 6th:*

1) Declare PTA Applicant Major, 2) Ensure all transcripts are received by Enrollment Services & request evaluation, 3) Submit the PTA Application, documented hours may be updated through the deadline.)

Only applications that are current and complete are considered for selection. Students will not automatically be notified of missing or incomplete documents. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure his/her application folder is complete by the deadline.

Please contact us if you have any further questions:

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GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM CURRICULUM

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

Hrs.		Cr.	Hrs.		Cr.
ENC 1101	English I	3	BSC 2086	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
	*College Level Math	3	BSC 2086L	Anatomy/Physiology II Lab	1
BSC 2085	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
BSC 2085L	Anatomy/Physiology I Lab	1	HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	2
	Humanities Elective	3			

NOTE: General education courses may be taken during the PTA Program; however, applicants are **strongly** encouraged to begin work on the general education courses prior to entry into the program. Completion of A & P I prior to starting the PTA program is suggested but not required. Extra points will be awarded for a "C" or better in A & P I, A&P II, and a "B" or better in Medical Terminology if completed prior to the application deadline.

**The College Level Math Requirement may be satisfied with MAC 1105, MGF 1106, MGF 1107 OR STA 2023 or a higher-level math course.*

COMPLETE PROGRAM:

FRESHMAN

CREDIT HOURS

FALL

BSC 2085	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BSC 2085L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
Math	College Level Math (MAC 1105, MGF 1106, MGF 1107, STA 2023, or higher)	3
HSC 1531	Medical Terminology	2
PHT 1000	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2
PHT 1102	Applied Anatomy for PTAs	2
PHT 1102L	Applied Anatomy Lab for PTAs	1
PHT 1200	Basic Skills in Patient Care	2
PHT 1200L	Basic Skills in Patient Care Lab	<u>2</u>
		18

SPRING

BSC 2086	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BSC 2086L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
PHT 1124	Functional Human Motion	2
PHT 1124L	Functional Human Motion Lab	1
PHT 1220	Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	3
PHT 1220L	Therapeutic Exercise Lab	2
PHT 1131	Assessment, Measurement and Documentation	1
PHT 1131L	Assessment, Measurement and Documentation Lab	<u>2</u>
		15

SUMMER

ENC 1101	English Composition I	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
PHT 2224	Therapeutic Interventions I: Medical/Surgical Disabilities	2
PHT 2224L	Therapeutic Interventions I Lab	1
HUM	Humanities Elective (Level I, II, OR III)	3
PHT 2211	Therapeutic Modalities	2
PHT 2211L	Therapeutic Modalities Lab	<u>2</u>
		16

SOPHOMORE**CREDIT HOURS****FALL**

PHT 2225	Therapeutic Interventions II: Orthopedic Disabilities	3
PHT 2225L	Therapeutic Interventions II Lab	2
PHT 2226	Therapeutic Interventions III: Neurological Disabilities	3
PHT 2226L	Therapeutic Interventions III Lab	2
PHT 2801	PTA Clinical Practice I	<u>3</u>
		13

SPRING

PHT 2810	PTA Clinical Practice II	5
PHT 2820	PTA Clinical Practice III	5
PHT 2931	Seminar	<u>2</u>
		12

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS **74**

**Typical Physical Therapist Assistant Schedule
(Following Curriculum as Designed)**

On Campus Hours Per Week			Off Campus Hours Per Week		
Semester	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Prep.	Clinical Hours	Total
Fall 1	14	8			22
Spring 1	9	12			21
Summer 2	20	5			25
Summer 3	12.5	10			22.5
Fall 2	8.25 (for 11 weeks)	11 (for 11 weeks)	4	40 (for 4 weeks)	19.25 for 11 weeks 40 for 4 weeks
Spring 2	15 (for 2 weeks)		4	40 (for 14 weeks)	44

★ The PTA Program is designed as a full-time, face-to-face course of study and students are required to complete courses in the designated sequence. Most classes are offered during daytime hours with only a few evening courses. The PHT courses in the curriculum are offered once a year, in a particular sequence. If general education courses are completed in advance, students are still required to complete five consecutive semesters as listed above. Completing general education courses in advance would lighten the academic load for the corresponding semester listed above, but would not decrease the total length of the program.

Criminal Background Checks & Health Care Licensure in the State of Florida

As part of your provisional acceptance into the PTA program, an acceptable background check (including Level II fingerprinting) and drug screening must be completed. Gulf Coast State College utilizes CastleBranch Corporation for this service, as well as tracking compliance with immunizations and other program requirements. Criminal background checks performed through other agencies will not be accepted. The student must also be aware that clinical agencies may require an additional background check prior to clinical access.

It is possible to graduate from a program at GCSC but be denied the opportunity for licensure because of an unfavorable background check. An applicant must consider how his / her personal history may affect the ability to meet clinical requirements, sit for various licensure exams, and ultimately gain employment. Most healthcare boards in the State of Florida make decisions about licensure on an individual basis. You may visit the Florida Department of Health website (www.doh.state.fl.us/) for more information regarding licensure. We offer this information so that you can make an informed decision regarding your future.

Student applicants DO NOT complete background checks until directed to when provisionally accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Information and instructions on how to complete the background check will be sent by the program coordinator.

Please read the following information carefully: Any student who has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty to, any offense under the provision of 456.0635 (see below) may be **disqualified** from admission to any Health Sciences program. In addition to these specific convictions, there are other crimes which may disqualify applicants from entering into the Health Sciences programs and/or clinical rotations. The statute listed below can also be found online: http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0400-0499/0456/Sections/0456.0635.html

456.0635 Health care fraud; disqualification for license, certificate, or registration.—

- (1) Health care fraud in the practice of a health care profession is prohibited.
- (2) Each board within the jurisdiction of the department, or the department if there is no board, shall refuse to admit a candidate to any examination and refuse to issue a license, certificate, or registration to any applicant if the candidate or applicant or any principal, officer, agent, managing employee, or affiliated person of the applicant:
 - (a) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under chapter 409, chapter 817, or chapter 893, or a similar felony offense committed in another state or jurisdiction, unless the candidate or applicant has successfully completed a drug court program for that felony and provides proof that the plea has been withdrawn or the charges have been dismissed. Any such conviction or plea shall exclude the applicant or candidate from licensure, examination, certification, or registration unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended:
 1. For felonies of the first or second degree, more than 15 years before the date of application.
 2. For felonies of the third degree, more than 10 years before the date of application, except for felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a).
 3. For felonies of the third degree under s. 893.13(6)(a), more than 5 years before the date of application;
 - (b) Has been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a felony under 21 U.S.C. ss. 801-970, or 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395-1396, unless the sentence and any subsequent period of probation for such conviction or plea ended more than 15 years before the date of the application;
 - (c) Has been terminated for cause from the Florida Medicaid program pursuant to s. 409.913, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with the Florida Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years;
 - (d) Has been terminated for cause, pursuant to the appeals procedures established by the state, from any other state Medicaid program, unless the candidate or applicant has been in good standing with a state Medicaid program for the most recent 5 years and the termination occurred at least 20 years before the date of the application; or
 - (e) Is currently listed on the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's List of Excluded Individuals and Entities.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

1. Initial Advising and Application

Distribution of application packets will be handled through the Health Sciences Administrative Office (Room 200, **Health Sciences** building). Applicants assume all responsibility for completion of application materials. **Incomplete application materials will not be considered in the student selection process.** Melinda Cumbaa at (850) 913-3312 or Kelli Walsingham at (850) 769-1551, Ext. 6180 can answer questions related to the physical therapy profession. The Academic Program Specialist for Health Sciences, Mr. Carlini can answer questions about the general application process and help guide the applicant, (850) 913-3311.

2. Admissions Committee

Each member of the Admissions Committee will review and rate each application independently, assigning points according to the standards, on each admission criterion. Points will be totaled to obtain an overall score for the application. The applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest.

When all members of the committee have individually completed review of the applications, the committee will meet as a group to select the class and alternates. The admissions committee adheres to Gulf Coast State College's policies for non-discrimination in student selection. Should there be a tie with the scoring, the admissions committee will use a majority committee vote as the deciding factor in final student selection. Procedures for compliance with non-discrimination policies and procedures guaranteeing students due process may be found in the GCSC Student Handbook.

The top 16-20 students will be offered a **conditional** admission to the program **pending satisfactory background check, drug screen and physical examination.** Should a health problem or disability be identified which appears to make compliance with the technical standards impossible, the applicant will be requested to meet with the admissions committee and a representative from Student Accessibility Resources to discuss a possible way for the program to enhance the applicant's chances of succeeding in the required course and clinical work. (See policies re: Student Accessibility Services in the GCSC Student Handbook or in the GCSC General Catalog). If it is not feasible to adapt the program, final acceptance will be withdrawn.

The next 8-10 applicants (by ranked score) will be placed, in order, on an alternate acceptance list for the current program year only, and will be offered admission should a vacancy become available prior to the first day of required class attendance. **No waiting list is maintained for the subsequent year's enrollment and it is the student's responsibility to maintain copies of all application materials for reapplication the following year.**

3. **IMPORTANT:** In the month of June, all applicants to the PTA program will be notified of application status through "my.gulfcoast.edu" email. **PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GULFCOAST EMAIL FOR PROGRAM APPLICATION STATUS.** For those conditionally accepted, there is a required response form to confirm conditional acceptance of a space in the PTA Program, which must be signed and returned to the PTA Program Administrative Assistant by the specified deadline in June. **If we do not receive this form by the deadline in June, we will move on to the next candidate.** If your mailing address changes after you have submitted this application, **PLEASE** be sure to notify the Health Sciences Academic Program Specialist at 850.913.3311 or the PTA Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Acton at 850.873.3589, of this change **as well as** the Office of Admissions and Records. There is a **mandatory PTA Orientation** held in July, and a **Health Sciences Orientation** in August, and **final acceptance will be withdrawn if the student does not attend.**

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Estimated Student Expenses
(Based on 2019 - 2020 fees)**

Registration will not be officially completed until all fees are paid in full by the dates identified in the college calendar. **Students are responsible for all fees for courses not dropped by the student during the refund period.**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program requires 74 credit hours of instruction.

***In-State Estimate**

Matriculation fee, per credit hour	72.92
Student Activity fee, per credit hour.....	7.29
Capital Improvement fee, per credit hour	7.29
Financial aid fee, per credit hour	3.65
Technology Fee.....	3.65
TOTAL, PER CREDIT HOUR.....	\$94.80
Access Fee	3.95
TOTAL, PER CREDIT HOUR.....	\$98.75
74 credits x 98.75 =.....	\$7,307.50

***Out-of-State Estimate**

Matriculation fee, per credit hour	72.92
Tuition, per credit hour	221.42
Student Activity fee, per credit hour.....	7.29
Capital Improvement fee, per credit hour	24.69
Financial aid fee, per credit hour	14.72
Technology Fee.....	14.72
TOTAL, PER CREDIT HOUR.....	\$355.76
Access Fee	3.95
TOTAL, PER CREDIT HOUR.....	\$359.71
74 credits x 359.71 =	\$26,618.54

Lab fees [includes liability/accident insurance, application fee] (approximately).....	270.00
Uniform and equipment expenses.....	100.00
TOTAL	\$370.00

Travel/living expenses for clinical training are the personal responsibility of the student and will vary depending on the location of the clinical site.
Students are NOT guaranteed local placements.

Textbooks.....	1,300.00
Background Check / Fingerprinting Fee / Drug Screening.....	291.00
Health Sciences Orientation fees	119.00
TOTAL	\$1,710.00

ESTIMATED cost for the program -

In-state	\$9,387.50
Out-of-state.....	\$28,698.54

*** Fees are subject to change without notice.
Pages 21-22 of the 2019-2020 catalog**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please provide information about three people who will always know where to locate you:

Name	Mailing Address	Telephone Number
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

HEALTH RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Use additional sheets if necessary

1. EMPLOYER: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Extension _____

Street & Number City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed: From _____ To _____ Nature of your Job Duties: _____

Mo./Yr. Mo./Yr.

Reason for Leaving _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

2. EMPLOYER: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Extension _____

Street & Number City State

Supervisor's Name _____ Title _____

Dates employed: From _____ To _____ Nature of your Job Duties: _____

Mo./Yr. Mo./Yr.

Reason for Leaving _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time _____

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation, omission or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission to the program. I understand that illegal use, possession, and/or misuse of drugs are reasons for immediate dismissal from any of the programs in the Health Sciences Division. I further understand that background checks and drug screening are routinely required at most clinical facilities prior to the students' clinical placement.

Signature of Applicant

Date

RETURN APPLICATION TO:

Gulf Coast State College
Health Sciences Division – Room 200
5230 W. U.S. Highway 98
Panama City, FL 32401-1058

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Gulf Coast State College does not discriminate against any person in its programs, activities, policies or procedures on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, religion, age, gender, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, or veteran status.

All questions or inquiries regarding compliance with laws relating to non-discrimination and all complaints regarding sexual misconduct or discrimination, may be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resources/Title II/504/Title IX Coordinator and Employment Equity Officer, Gulf Coast State College, 5230 W. US Highway 98, Panama City, FL 32401; 850-872-3866.



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FORM – READ, SIGN BELOW, & SUBMIT!

A physical therapist assistant is a health care professional whose primary responsibility is to work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist and perform duties in a clinical setting. In addition to the duties of the profession, the physical therapist assistant must always be aware of the patient's condition and needs and be able to interact appropriately.

TECHNICAL STANDARD	DEFINITION	EXAMPLES OF NECESSARY ACTIVITIES (Not All Inclusive)
Cognitive Qualifications	Sufficient Reading, Language and Math Skills; Ability to collect and integrate information to make a decision for patient care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Able to comprehend and interpret written material • Follow and deliver written and oral direction • Able to comprehend & apply new knowledge within scope of work
Critical Thinking	Critical thinking ability sufficient for clinical judgment; synthesize information from written material and apply knowledge to clinical situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations • Read and comprehend relevant information in textbooks, medical records and professional literature • Make rapid decisions under pressure • Handle multiple priorities in stressful situations • Assist with problem solving
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families, and groups from a variety of social, educational, cultural, and intellectual backgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish rapport with individuals • Cope effectively with stress • Can exchange ideas in a group (work effectively as part of a team) • Cope with confrontation • Demonstrate a high degree of patience • Graciously admit mistakes and accept constructive criticism
Communication	Communication abilities sufficient for interaction with others in verbal and non-verbal form (speech, reading, and writing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain treatment procedures • Give effective instructions to patients and families • Demonstrate active listening skills. Recognize, interpret and respond to non-verbal behavior of self and others • Keep accurate, ethical logs and records of treatment and charges with correct spelling and grammar
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient to move from room to room, to maneuver in small spaces and to perform procedures necessary for emergency intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain positions including sitting, standing, squatting, kneeling, reaching (above shoulder level), walking, stair climbing, and movement of trunk and neck in all directions for an extended amount of time. (up to 4 hours) • Able to push, pull, and/or lift a minimum of 50-70 lbs., and push/pull, or move such weight a minimum of 50 feet. • Safely and effectively transfer a 200-300lb patient with assistance • Able to lift up to 10 lbs. above head • Able to endure and successfully complete a 40-hour work week during clinical education courses, while wearing appropriate PPE (mask, gloves, gowns) when applicable.
Motor Skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient to provide safe and effective patient care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle and use equipment • Position patients • Perform repetitive tasks • Able to grip
Hearing	Normal, corrected or aided - Auditory ability sufficient to interpret verbal communication from patients and health care team members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear monitor alarms, emergency signals, and cries for help • Hear telephone interactions
Visual	Normal or corrected - Visual acuity sufficient for observation and assessment necessary for patient assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe patient responses • Identify and distinguish colors

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Tactile	Tactile ability sufficient for gross and fine motor coordination necessary for manual assessment of tissues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform palpation, functions of physical examination and/or those related to therapeutic intervention • Tactile abilities needed to palpate pulses, detect changes in texture, body contour, muscle tone, and joint movement
Professionalism	Ability to demonstrate professional behaviors and a strong work ethic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate respect, moral and ethical behaviors in all academic and professional settings • Demonstrate time management skills that promote punctual attendance to class, lab and clinical settings • Recognize personal limitations and request assistance as appropriate • Present professional appearance and maintain personal hygiene
Environmental	Ability to tolerate environmental stressors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with chemicals and detergents • Tolerate exposure to fumes and odors • Work in areas that are close and crowded • Tolerate shift work (up to 12 hours) while wearing personal protective equipment (mask, gloves, gown, goggles) as indicated.

I have read the above technical standards. I feel it is within my ability to carry out the duties and qualifications of a PTA. If I become unable to meet these standards, I will inform the PTA Program Coordinator immediately.

Signature of Student X _____ Date _____

MUST RECORD ALL HOURS ON 2021 FORMS! If attaching supplemental documentation (e.g., signature from an old form), be sure to record hours on a 2021 form and write "see attached" in the signature section of the 2021 form for credit.

**GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
PHYSICAL THERAPY EXPERIENCE FORM**

Extra points will be granted towards admission to those applicants who have documented a minimum of **40** hours or more of observation/volunteer or work experience in physical therapy. A Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant must verify the observation or work experience and **this** form must be submitted by the deadline.

** We do not accept other PT experience forms and this form may be duplicated if needed.**

****Improperly completed forms will not be considered by the admissions committee.****

STUDENT NAME: _____

I. OBSERVATION OR VOLUNTEER at a Physical Therapy Department:

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Check:</u> IP-Inpatient -or- OP-Outpatient	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>(Month/Year)</u>	<u>PTA / PT Signature</u>	<u>License #</u>
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***Note:** Must have at least **40** hours to be eligible for points; **due to COVID-19, variety of settings will not earn extra points.**

IP = Inpatient setting (Hospital, Nursing Home, Rehabilitation Center, Home Health *patient sleeps in facility)

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II. PAID EMPLOYMENT with a Physical Therapy Department:

<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Check:</u> IP-Inpatient -or- OP-Outpatient	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>(Month/Year)</u>	<u>PTA / PT Signature</u>	<u>License #</u>
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