



Physical Therapist Assistant

Applicant Admissions Information

Fall 2018

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

Your official program of study while working on pre-requisites for the Physical Therapist Assistant program is Associate in General Education (AGE). AGE is an Associate degree program for students who are interested in pursuing a program of study in general education. This curriculum provides an introduction to the liberal arts and enables the student to tailor the program beyond that point to meet their personal needs and interests. If you are selected into the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the Admissions Office will change your major. If you are not selected, you are welcome to update your Limited Enrollment status and continue taking classes in AGE or change you major to a non-limited enrollment program.

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

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

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Guilford Technical Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

The deadline to apply to the PTA program for the 2018 Fall Semester is June 1, 2018.

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

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Phase I
Minimum Admissions Requirements

To be considered for admission to the program, all applicants *must* meet the minimum requirements by June 1, 2018.

Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.

- 1. Complete an admissions file:** A completed admissions file consists of a current GTCC admissions application, official high school or GED transcripts, and official college transcripts. High school transcripts are not necessary for students with college degrees. Send transcripts to: **Admissions Office, Guilford Technical Community College, P.O. Box 309, Jamestown, N.C. 27282.**
- 2. Attend a mandatory applicant information session:**
Sessions are valid for one year from the date of attendance. Children are not allowed to attend the sessions. The dates and times are listed at: <http://degreeprograms.gtcc.edu/physical-therapist-assistant/>.
- 3. Complete the General Education Requirements:**

All of the following General Education courses **must be completed with a grade of C or higher by June 1, 2018** to be considered for admission into the fall 2018 PTA class:

Required General Education Prerequisite Courses
BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I (must be taken within the last 10 years)
PHY 110 Conceptual Physics & PHY 110A Conceptual Physics Lab
ENG 111 Expository Writing
PSY 150 General Psychology
HUM/FA Elective

4. Complete the Minimum Admissions Requirements (MAR) Review:

All applicants must meet with an Admissions Advisor to complete the Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR) Review in order to be considered for the program. *This meeting is required. No appointment is necessary.* Enrollment Services is open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Phase II
Take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS 6.0)

Every applicant must complete Steps 1-5 in order to get a pass to take the TEAS test.

This step must be completed by June 1, 2018.

A minimum score of **60** is required in order to be considered for admission to the PTA program. Guidelines include:

- As a prospective PTA candidate, you may test twice in a six-month period.
- Scores from other colleges will be accepted (must be TEAS 6.0).
- The testing fee is \$55.00 (per test) and is not covered by financial aid.
- Study material may be purchased at www.atitesting.com.

Phase III Ranking Review

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

1. Grade Points for General Education Courses:

Anatomy and Physiology courses: A = 12 points B = 8 points

All other courses: A = 6 points B = 4 points

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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 the following courses by the June 1, 2018 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 June 1, 2018 deadline increases applicants' chances of being accepted into the PTA program.

BIO 169 Anatomy & Physiology II (must be taken within the last 10 years)
One of the four: COM 110 Introduction to Communications or COM 231 Public Speaking or ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines or ENG 114 Professional Research and Reporting

Students who complete PSY 241 with a grade of A or B by June 1, 2018 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.

PSY 241 Developmental Psychology

2. TEAS Score:

TEAS score of 60 to 75	5 points
TEAS score of 76 to 85	10 points
TEAS score of 86 to 100	15 points

3. Related Experience

Students can earn a maximum of 15 points of related experience.

10 points	Completion of an associates' or bachelors' degree in an Allied Health related field .
5 points	Licensure (or licensure-equivalent) in an Allied Health related field (bring a copy of the current license to the MAR review).
5 points	Veterans of any military service branch with an honorable discharge (bring a copy of DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).
5 points	Completion of a College Tech Prep course of study in a Health Careers Pathway at the high school level within the past 3 years.

"Allied Health related field" involves the delivery of services pertaining to the identification, evaluation, treatment and prevention of diseases and disorders under the care of a referring doctor. Allied health professionals include dental hygienists, athletic trainers, massage therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, exercise physiologists, respiratory therapists, speech language pathologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, audiologists, etc. Degrees in biology, exercise science, and public health are also accepted.

Not included among "Allied Health" professionals are physical therapy aides/technicians, certified nursing assistants, physical education teachers, strength and conditioning coaches, emergency medical responders, surgical technologists, phlebotomists, personal trainers, pharmacy technicians, med techs, yoga instructors, Pilates instructors, aqua instructors, etc.

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

Notification Procedure

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

Tuition, Fees and Expenses

Tuition is \$76.00 per credit hour for in-state students and \$268.00 per credit hour for out-of-state students. Additional student fees include books, parking, student activities, student publications, lab fees, malpractice insurance, and health/accident insurance. Students should also plan for travel expenses to-from the GTCC Jamestown Campus as well as travel for clinical education courses. *Tuition is subject to change.*

1. Financial Aid

GTCC tries to assure that no qualified student is denied a college education simply due to lack of financial resources. GTCC works to meet the financial needs of all qualified students through the Financial Aid Office. For further information, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (336) 334-4822 Option 3.

2. Clinical Education Expenses

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

Drug Testing and Criminal Background Checks

Students admitted to the PTA program will be required to undergo drug testing and criminal background investigations. The drug testing and criminal backgrounds investigations must be completed by a deadline set during the first semester of the PTA program. If a clinical facility refuses to accept a student due to a failed drug test or criminal background investigation, the student may not be allowed to continue in the course or the PTA program.

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

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