



Health Professions Division

Physical Therapist Assistant

Application Information

The PTA application is available November 1 – March 1. The following forms are part of PTA application process and have to be completed and submitted to the Health Professions office by the March 1st deadline as part of the eligibility requirements.

These are the approved documents for PTA Program admission and supersede all other documentation.

ALL DOCUMENTS DUE by March 1

To the applicable office: Health Professions Administrative Assistant or PTA Program Director

Dear Applicant,

The PTA Program application must be completed to be considered for acceptance into the technical phase of the PTA Program. We will accept 14 -18 qualified applicants into the technical phase of the PTA Program in June. To qualify, applicants must complete all the pre-requisite courses by the end of the Spring semester the year they are applying to be eligible for consideration for acceptance into the technical phase of the program. This application must be completed and consent forms turned in to the Health Professions PTA Program by **March 1st**. We will begin the process of ranking applicants based on the pre-requisite courses they have taken, but the final rank will not occur until all pre-requisite course grades are obtained at the end of the Spring semester. **NOTE: If you have taken Clinical Kinesiology more than two times, a 10 point reduction in your overall score which will be assessed once all points have been totaled.**

Informed Consent Forms: These forms are **required** for application to the program. The forms are to ensure all applicants applying to the program have what we call "informed consent". Informed consent means we have notified the applicant of important information that could affect their ability to be accepted into the program, complete the program, and become licensed. Please read the informed consent forms carefully to ensure you understand the requirements an applicant must meet to be considered eligible for admission into the technical phase of the program, the ranking system used to select applicants, clinical education requirements, and licensure information. Submit the signed informed consent forms to the Health Professions Administrative Assistant or PTA Program Director. You are required to sign the "informed consent" forms to prove you have been provided this information prior to application and acceptance into the PTA Program. Applicants should also have a witness sign the forms prior to turning them in. A witness is anyone that sees you sign the forms, such as a friend, family member, etc.). Submit the signed informed consent forms by **March 1st**.

Application for the William Nelson PTA Program Scholarship will now be completed through the NWACC Foundation scholarship page. Application processes have been streamlined and when you complete the application at the following link, <https://nwacc.awardspring.com>, the system automatically submits your information for all applicable scholarships. Please contact Diane Hanna at 479-619-4316 or email at scholarships@nwacc.edu if you have any issues or if the William Nelson Scholarship doesn't appear on the list of scholarships applied.

Requirements and Selection: Provides a general overview of the requirements for application to the PTA Program, and information *regarding the ranking formula used to select the top 14 -18 ranked applicants* who will be offered a position into the technical phase of the PTA Program. Applicants are required to perform an interview process with the PTA Selection Committee. Applicants will be contacted in late spring so times and dates may be established. The final percentile score in the course PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy will go toward 34% of the rank. **There are no course substitutions for the Clinical Kinesiology course.** See the ranking formula provided for details.

Criminal background checks for clinicals:

Be advised that if offenses are reported on your background check, you might be prevented from completing the clinical portion of the PTA courses and/or be ineligible to take the **National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTE)** exam upon completion of the PTA program. Failure to fulfill clinical objectives will result in failure of the course(s), dismissal from the program and/or ineligibility to take the NPTE.

Applicants must also perform 9 hours of observation with 3 hours minimum at 3 different physical therapy sites as part of the application. We recommend applicants schedule the observations **early** to ensure they are **completed prior to the due date of the PTA Program application**.

Applicants must also undergo a physical by a medical doctor of their choice. The physician must sign the form titled "Physician Certification of Essential Functions and Physical Abilities after completing the physical (form will be sent to you via NWACC email).

Checklist: provides information regarding what students need to submit to the NWACC registrar. If an applicant is using courses taken at another institution as part of the PTA Program pre-requisite courses, they will need to provide the NWACC Registrar with an official transcript for those courses. Students must submit proof of immunizations to include measles and rubella if born January 1, 1957 or after, to the NWACC Registrar AND the Health Professions Division PTA Program.

Please use the checklist to assist you in completing all the required activities and forms for your application to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. Organize the forms in the order they are listed on the checklist form and submit them in that order. Applicants must **complete** each step of the admission process. Call the Health Professions Administrative Assistant (619-2261) if you have questions or email HPapps@nwacc.edu.

Timeline: provides a process timeline to help you understand when items are due and when to expect further communication.

Final selection for applicants admitted will be made by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Selection Committee. The Selection Committee has the right to make a final decision for student admission.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION

A grade of **“C” or above** in ALL required pre requisite courses is required to be considered for acceptance into the PTA Program. Students must also earn a “C” or higher in all PTA Program Technical courses to remain in the PTA Program and graduate with an AAS in PTA.

All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the Spring semester you are applying for consideration into the technical phase of the PTA Program that begins in June.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

BIOL 2214 Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II
CISQ 1103 Intro to Computer Information **OR**
AHSC 1123 Electronic Health Records
ENGL 1013 English Composition I
ENGL 1023 English Composition II **OR**
ENGL 2013 Technical Writing
PSYC 2003 General Psychology
AHSC 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology
MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math **OR** MATH 1204 College Algebra
PHTA 2103 Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy

Selection of qualified applicants into the PTA Program is based on a point system used to rank applicants. The 14-18 applicants with the highest points using the point ranking system will be offered a position in the PTA Program. Enrollment is limited by class size: The Physical Therapist Assistant Program may only admit 14 - 18 students per year in June. The top ranked 14 - 18 students who meet all the criteria will receive an invitation for admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. If any of the students offered admission decline the invitation, applicants on the alternate list will be notified and offered a position beginning with the first alternate based on total points.

In the event of a tie in total points for the last space in the PTA Program class, the student with the highest grade and percentile score in PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology will be offered the position.

Students are ranked based on the following Selection Criteria:

100/292 = 34.2%	PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in PT
72/292 = 24.7%	A&P I, A&P II, Medical Terminology
60/292 = 20.5%	ENGL Comp I & II, General Psychology, Intro to Computers, & Survey of Technical Math OR
	College Algebra Or
60/292 = 20.5%	Interview/ Observation
292/29 = 100%	Total points possible

DEGREE AUDIT INFORMATION:

If you are transferring credits from another institution and/or want to determine if you have met the pre-requisite courses for the PTA Program, you may request a degree audit.

A degree audit identifies the progress a student has made toward an NWACC degree plan and determines the specific credits that NWACC will allow to a student from another institution. There is no charge for a degree audit.

Who should request an audit? Students will want to request a degree audit **only** if they plan to receive a degree from NWACC.

When should a student request an audit?

- If a student has completed coursework successfully at another institution
- Before a degree audit can be completed; **official** transcripts from **all** institutions attended **must** be on file in the Enrollment Support office.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
CHECKLIST**

YOUR APPLICATION FILE MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE. IF YOUR FILE IS NOT COMPLETE YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION.

All items should be submitted at the same time as ONE PACKET in the order they are listed on the checklist.

Deadline to submit the PTA Program Application and required documents is March 1st

Documentation can be submitted in person at:
NWACC Center for Health Professions Division Secretary office # 2051

OR mail your application to:
NWACC Health Professions Division:
PTA Program
One College Drive
Bentonville, AR 72712

OR by Email: HPapps@nwacc.edu

CHECKLIST:

Items to be submitted to the Enrollment Support Office:

- _____ Official Transcript(s) to transfer course credit
- _____ Immunization records (Measles and Rubella if born after 1/1/57)

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application Packet:

Items to be submitted to the Health Professions Division:

- _____ Clinical Observation Form
- _____ Physician Certification of Essential Functions and Physical Abilities
- _____ Copy of immunization records (Measles and Rubella if born after 1/1/57)

Informed Consent Forms submit to Health Professions

- _____ Curriculum Informed Consent Form
- _____ Observation Informed Consent Form
- _____ PTA Program Selection Criteria & Course Substitutions Informed Consent Form
- _____ Program and Admission Requirements Informed Consent Form
- _____ Licensure/Certification Form Informed Consent Form
- _____ Clinical Placement Informed Consent Form
- _____ Clinical Placement Requirements Health insurance, background check, and urine drug screen Informed Consent Form
- _____ Additional Program Related Costs Informed Consent Form
- _____ Student Health, Physician Certification, Physical Condition, and Disability Policy/Informed Consent Form

Course Substitution:** If a student believes they have taken a pre-requisite course at another institution or at NWACC that is equivalent to an NWACC course needed for the PTA degree and did not receive credit accordingly, a course substitution may be requested. The student ***must meet with the Health Professions Academic Advisor to determine if the course is eligible for a course substitution. If so, they will then be directed to the appropriate academic division to complete the request. The academic division the course is in will then determine if a course substitution can be given. ***There are no course substitutions for Clinical Kinesiology.***

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT
TIMELINE AND SELECTION PROCESS

The chart below is for informational purposes only to inform applicants of the timelines regarding the PTA Program Application & Selection Process

DATE:	PROCESS:
March 1	PTA Program Application and application materials due to the Health Professions Division secretary by 4:00 pm.
March 1	Transcript and immunizations due (if not a current NWACC student or if you are a current NWACC student but took some pre-requisite courses at a different institution, you must have them sent to the NWACC Registrar by this date.
Third week of March	Application file checked for completeness by Health Profession secretary and we will begin the interview process.
Fourth week of March	Email sent to applicant to inform applicant if their application is complete or if it is missing information.
First week of April	PTA Program Director & selection committee will review applications.
End of Spring Semester	If applicant completed program pre-requisites at another institution in Spring, they MUST have the course instructor email the final grade to the PTA Program Director ASAP after the final is taken. NWACC students will not have to complete any grade form, their final Spring grades will be available online to the PTA Program Director.
10 working days after grades are due in the Registrar's Office for the Spring semester	The applicants rank will be tallied and notification of acceptance or declination will go to applicants via NWACC email.
Summer registration per catalog	Accepted applicants register for Summer PTA Program Courses which begin in June!
June	PTA Program Technical Courses begin

**Physical Therapy Clinic Observation
Confirmation Form**

Thank you for allowing the applicants to the NorthWest Arkansas Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program to observe the practice of physical therapy at your facility. This requirement may be met by observation, volunteer or work hours. Observation must consist of a minimum of 3 hours at 3 different facilities.

Applicant Name Print: _____

Observation #1

Facility Name & Phone#: _____

Date/Hours Spent: _____

PT or PTA Signature: _____

PT or PTA Name (please print): _____

Observation #2

Facility Name & Phone#: _____

Date/Hours Spent: _____

PT or PTA Signature: _____

PT or PTA Name (please print): _____

Observation #3

Facility Name & Phone#: _____

Date/Hours Spent: _____

PT or PTA Signature: _____

PT or PTA Name (please print): _____

Signature Certification

I certify that the information given is complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submission of false information is grounds for denial of admission or immediate suspension if enrolled.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

Physician Certification of Essential Functions for Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Students who wish to pursue a career in Physical Therapy Assistant must meet the following essential minimal physical, mental and job standards in order to successfully complete the educational activities in the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Admission to the NWACC Physical Therapist Assistant program is conditional on the candidate's ability to satisfy these technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodation. Reasonable accommodations will be made on an individual basis. Students who have special needs are encouraged to identify themselves to the Program Director and the Disability Resource Center for reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations will be based on current documentation provided to the Disability Resource Center.

The following technical standards and essential skills are functions that must be met with or without reasonable accommodations: The American Physical Therapist Association lists their Technical Standards as "Essential Qualifications" as listed below:

Motor Skills

Candidates shall have sufficient motor function so that they are able to execute movements required to provide general care and treatment to patients in all health care settings. [For example: For the safety and protection of the patients, the candidate must be able to perform basic life support, including CPR, and function in an emergency situation. The candidate must have the ability, within reasonable limits, to safely assist a patient in moving, for example, ambulating, transfers from a chair to a bed, examination table, or from a wheelchair to another location.

Sensory/Observation

A candidate must be able to acquire the information presented through demonstrations and experiences in the basic and profession's sciences. He or she must be able to observe a patient accurately, at a distance and close at hand, and observe and appreciate non-verbal communications when performing an assessment and intervention or administering of treatment. The candidate must be capable of perceiving the signs of disease and infection as manifested through physical examination. Such information is derived from images of the body surfaces, palpable changes in various organs and tissues, and auditory information (patient voice, heart tones, and lung sounds).

Communication

The candidate must communicate effectively and sensitively with other students, faculty, staff, patients, family, and other professionals. He or she must express his or her ideas and feelings clearly and demonstrate a willingness and ability to give and receive feedback. A candidate must be able to: convey or exchange information at a level allowing development of a health history; identify problems presented; explain alternative solutions; and give directions during treatment and post-treatment. The candidate must be able to communicate effectively in oral and written forms in English. The candidate must be able to process and communicate information on the patient's status with accuracy in a timely manner to members of the health care team. The appropriate communication may also rely on the candidate's ability to make a correct judgment in seeking supervision and consultation in a timely manner.

Cognitive

A candidate must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate and synthesize in the context of undergraduate professional study. The candidate must be able to quickly read and comprehend extensive written material. He or she must also be able to evaluate and apply information and engage in critical thinking in the classroom and clinical setting.

Behavioral/Emotional

A candidate must possess the emotional health required for the full utilization of his or her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients and families. In addition, s/he must be able to maintain mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients,

students, faculty, staff and other professionals under all circumstances including highly stressful situations. The candidate must have the emotional stability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment that may change rapidly without warning and/or in unpredictable ways. The candidate must be able to experience empathy for the situations and circumstances of others and effectively communicate that empathy. The candidate must know that his or her values, attitudes, beliefs, emotions, and experiences affect his or her perceptions and relationships with others. The candidate must be able and willing to examine and change his or her behavior when it interferes with productive individual or team relationships. The candidate must possess skills and experience necessary for effective and harmonious relationships in diverse academic and working environments.

Professional Conduct

Candidates must possess the ability to reason morally and practice in an ethical manner. Candidates must be willing to learn and abide by professional standards of practice. S/he must possess attributes that include compassion, empathy, altruism, integrity, honesty, responsibility and tolerance. Candidates must be able to engage in patient care delivery in all settings and be able to deliver care to all patient populations including but not limited to children, adolescents, adults, developmentally disabled persons, medically compromised patients, and vulnerable adults.

Physical Abilities

Static strength (ability to exert maximum muscle force to lift, push, pull or carry objects) and flexibility (the ability to bend, stretch, twist or reach with your body, arms &/or legs). Physical abilities include: standing, walking, sitting, lifting, carrying, pushing, pulling, and/or hand function. Strength classification is Medium Work: Exerting 20 to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 10 to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

NWACC strives to provide reasonable accommodation as necessary to allow a PTA student to be successful. If you feel you would need accommodation, please contact the NWACC Office of Disability Services.

I certify that (student name)_____is able to perform the essential functions and physical demands of a physical therapist assistant.

Clinic Name_____

Physician Name Print _____

Address _____

Phone #: _____

Physician Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Witness Signature

Date

Date

Date

NWACC PTA Program Application Curriculum Informed ConsentForm

Curriculum for entrance into the program for summer

- The Physical Therapist Assistant degree program consists of 29 hours of general education courses and 50 hours of Physical Therapist Assistant technical core courses for a total of 79 credit hours in the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S) degree in Physical Therapist Assistant.
- A grade of **“C” or above** in ALL required pre requisite courses is required to be considered for acceptance into the PTA Program. Students must also earn a “C” or higher in all PTA Program Technical courses to remain in the PTA Program and graduate with an AAS in PTA.
- All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester May to be considered eligible for consideration into the technical phase of the PTA Program that begins in June.

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES

BIOL 2214	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 2224	Anatomy & Physiology II
CISQ 1103	Intro to Computer Information OR AHSC 1123 Electronic Health Records
ENGL 1013	English Composition I
ENGL 1023	English Composition I OR ENGL 2015 Technical Writing
PHYS 2003	General Psychology
AHSC 1001	Medical Terminology
MATH 1003	Survey of Technical Math OR MATH 1204 College Algebra
PHTA 2105	Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy

Technical Core PTA Program Courses: Students accepted into the PTA Program must complete all technical courses with a “C” or higher to remain in the program. Students must take all required courses each semester and attend full time. The Technical Courses begin in June and the student will complete the program in August.

Summer Session (10 credit hours)

PHTA 2101	Basic Principles of Physical Therapy
PHTA 2121	Basic Principles of Physical Therapy Lab
PHTA 2222	Communication & Documentation
PHTA 2114	Basic PT Tests and Measures
PHTA 2112	Basic PT Tests and Measures Lab

Fall Semester (17 credit hours)

PHTA 2252	Life Span Development
PHTA 2231	Theory & Treatment Techniques
PHTA 2232	Theory & Treatment Techniques Lab
PHTA 2283	Physical Therapy Procedures I
PHTA 2202	Physical Therapy Procedures I Lab
PHTA 2271	Clinical Experience I
PHTA 2213	Pathophysiological Conditions
PHTA 2241	Gait Analysis
PHTA 2242	Gait Analysis Lab

Spring Semester (17 credit hours)

PHTA 2301	Physical Therapy Procedures II
PHTA 2302	Physical Therapy Procedures II Lab
PHTA 2362	Therapeutic Exercise
PHTA 2333	Therapeutic Exercise Lab
PHTA 2391	Neurophysiology
PHTA 2392	Neurophysiology Lab
PHTA 2332	Special Topics
PHTA 2352	Clinical Experience II
PHTA 2361	Pediatrics
PHTA 2371	Pediatrics Lab

Summer Session (6 credit hours)

PHTA 2403	Clinical Internship I
PHTA 2413	Clinical Internship II

I have received information regarding the curriculum & curriculum requirements to be considered eligible for acceptance into the PTA Program. I understand if accepted into the technical component of the PTA Program, I must take and pass all technical courses with a “C” or higher to remain in the PTA Program.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

**NWACC PTA Program Application
Observation Informed Consent**

Observation Requirements: A minimum of nine (9) hours of observation of the practice of physical therapy is required. The total observation time is to be divided into a minimum of three hours at three different physical therapy facilities. The observation requirement may be met by observation, volunteer or paid working time. However, a minimum of three different locations and a minimum three-hour block of time at each is mandatory.

It is the student's responsibility to make arrangements with the physical therapy departments for this experience.

The applicant must schedule the observation time with the physical therapy department director of the clinical site prior to the actual observation. Additionally, the applicant will need to inform the department director at the facility of the purpose of the observation. Applicants should inquire about specific dress and parking requirements. If the department does not have a specific dress requirement, the applicant is to dress in nice slacks (no jeans), a dress shirt and comfortable, clean walking shoes (with closed heel and toes).

It is the student's responsibility to take the Clinic Observation Confirmation Form to the clinic and ensure the person they meet with and observe signs the confirmation form. It is the student's responsibility to provide the signed confirmation form with their PT Program Application.

I have read and understand the above information regarding the observation and essay requirements. I understand I must complete the observation, turn in the signed observation form along with my application to be considered eligible for selection into the PTA Program.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

NWACC PTA Program Application

PTA SELECTION CRITERIA Informed Consent & Course Substitutions Informed Consent

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In the event of a tie in total points for the last space in the PTA Program class, the student with the highest grade and percentile score in PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology will be offered the position.

All pre-requisite courses must be passed with a “C” or higher to meet the PTA Program requirements.

Students are ranked based on the following Selection Criteria:

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72/292 = 24.7%	A&P I, A&P II, Medical Terminology
60/292 = 20.5%	ENGL Comp I & II, General Psychology, Intro to Computers, & Survey of Technical Math OR College Algebra
60/292 = 20.5%	Interview/ Observation
292/292 = 100%	Total points possible

***Course Substitution:** If a student believes they have taken a pre-requisite course at another institution or at NWACC that is equivalent to an NWACC course needed for the PTA degree and did not receive credit accordingly, a course substitution may be requested, the student **must meet with the Health Professions Academic Advisor** to determine if the course is eligible for a course substitution, if so they will then be directed to the appropriate academic division to complete the request. The academic division the course is in will then determine if a course substitution can be given. **There are no course substitutions for Clinical Kinesiology.**

Signature Certification

I have read and understand the above statements relating to the PTA Program selection process and course substitutions. I have viewed the sample selection form worksheet available in this packet indicating how the points are tallied.

Student Name (Print)

Date _____

Student Signature

Date _____

Witness Signature

Date _____

I am currently **repeating** the following prerequisite courses:

Course Name

Institution where you are taking the course

This form is a SAMPLE only. DO NOT return with your application packet.
HEALTH PROFESSIONS APPLICANT– Physical Therapist Assistant
SELECTION FORM

Name _____ ID# _____

Science Courses	Hours	Grade	Points Possible	Points Earned
BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I	4		32	
BIOL 2224 Anatomy & Physiology II	4		32	
AHSC 1001 Medical Terminology	1		8	
TOTAL	(A=8 B=6 C=4)		72	

General Education Courses	Hours	Grade	Points Possible	Points Earned
MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math or MATH 1204 College Algebra	3		12	
ENGL 1013 Eng. Composition I	3		12	
ENGL 1023 Eng. Composition II or ENGL 2017 Technical Writing	3		12	
PSYC 2003 General Psychology	3		12	
CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information	3		12	
TOTAL	(A=4 B=3 C=2)		60	

Clinical Kinesiology Course	Final % Score	Points Possible	Points Earned
PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in PT		100	
TOTAL		100	

Interview	Score	Points Possible	Points Earned
Observation/Interview		60	
Total		60	

Summary	Points Possible	Points earned
Science Courses	72	
General Education Courses	60	
Clinical Kinesiology in PT	100	
Interview	60	
Total Points	292	

ESL Student: Score on Compass or Accuplacer ESL Listening Test: _____ (This score is not considered in the total points considered for admission)

Student has been

- ☐ Denied
☐ Accepted
☐ Provisional Acceptance

PTA Program Director

**NWACC PTA Program Application
Program and Admission Requirements Informed Consent**

Student Records and Confidentiality:

The PTA Program maintains all records in a confidential manner according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. See NWACC College Catalog for details.

PTA Program Curriculum Work Recommendation:

The PTA Program curriculum is very demanding with many hours of in- & out-of-class time required. It is recommended that students work no more than 10hr/week. Applicants accepted into the technical component of the PTA Program must take and pass all technical courses offered each semester with a "C" or higher to remain in the PTA Program. Students who do not meet the requirement of a "C" or higher in any course may be dismissed from the PTA Program subject to their right to appeal.

Program and Clinical Placement Requirements:

For students to be placed in the clinical setting for the clinical experiences and clinical internships, they must have and provide proof of health insurance, criminal background check, urine drug screen, annual TB skin test, Immunizations, and CPR Certification. Students will be required to follow other clinical facility policies. In addition, students may be required to go to health care institutions outside Northwest Arkansas for clinical internships at the student's expense.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION:

NorthWest Arkansas Community College is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination involving equal access to education and employment opportunity to all regardless of sex, race, age, religion, color, national origin, handicap or veteran status. The Administration further extends its commitment to fulfilling and implementing the federal, state and local laws and regulations as specified in Title IX and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. NWACC provides services to allow persons with disabilities to participate in educational programs and activities. If you desire services, contact the Director of Disability Services or the Vice President for Learner Support Services.

ESL Student Requirements:

A score of 92 or higher on the COMPASS ESL listening test (taken within the last three (3) years) OR a score of 110 or higher on the Accuplacer ESL listening test is REQUIRED for NNSs students seeking entrance into Health Professions Programs at NWACC. The minimum score or higher indicates the ability to understand linguistically complex discussions, including academic lectures and factual reports. NNSs students seeking career paths in Health Professions scoring below the minimum will need to retest and successfully pass **by March 1st**.

Signature Certification: I have read and understand the above statements relating to the PTA Program curriculum requirements, clinical placement requirements, notice of nondiscrimination, and ESL COMPASS or ACCUPLACER Listening Test Requirement for students for whom English is their second language.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

**NWACC PTA Program Application
Licensure/Certification Informed Consent Form**

*** INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF TAKING LICENSURE, REGISTRY, AND CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS STUDENTS***

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony, have been involved with or convicted of illegal drug use or substance abuse, or who have been declared judicially incompetent, may not be allowed to sit for the examination leading to credentialing/licensure even with successful completion of the PTA Program requirements. Graduates of the program would have to request permission to the licensing board. The licensing board may not grant the graduates request to sit for the licensure examination resulting in the inability to obtain a license and therefore the inability to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Applicants who have any questions about their admissibility to the Health Professions programs may contact the Director of each department for further information.

I have read and understand the above statement relating to licensure, registry, and certification.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

**NWACC PTA Program Application
Clinical Placement Informed Consent Form**

* INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF SECURING CLINICAL PLACEMENT FOR CLINICAL COURSES.

Individuals who have been convicted of a felony, have been involved with or convicted of illegal drug use or substance abuse, been declared judicially incompetent, or receive a positive urine drug screen may not be allowed to attend the clinical component of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Failure to participate in a clinical rotation will result in failure to meet the clinical objectives and result in dismissal from the program subject to the student's right to appeal.

Students are responsible for paying for the urine drug screen and background check which will be required **AFTER** acceptance into the program, but prior to clinical placement. The urine drug screen will cost approximately \$50.00; the background check will cost \$50.00.

I have read and understand the above statement relating to clinical placement.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

**NWACC PTA Program Application
Additional Clinical Placement Requirements - Health Insurance
Informed Consent Form**

* INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE PROHIBITION OF SECURING CLINICAL PLACEMENT FOR CLINICAL COURSES.

Students will be required to carry health insurance throughout the PTA Program, undergo a TB test, and provide proof of immunizations in order to attend clinical courses. The procedure will be provided to students following admission. Students who do not secure health insurance, receive a TB test, and provide proof of immunizations may also not be allowed to attend the clinical component of the PTA Program. Failure to participate in a clinical rotation will result in failure to meet the clinical objectives and result in dismissal from the program subject to the student's right to appeal.

I have read and understand the above statement relating to clinical placement.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

NWACC PTA Program Application
Additional Program Related Costs Informed Consent

Books (for the professional core courses of the PTA program) are approximately \$1,400.00. Lab coats, name badge, and miscellaneous items cost approximately \$200. Liability (malpractice) insurance is approximately \$15 to \$22.00 each summer semester and provided by NWACC via student fees. Lab courses each semester may have a lab fee associated with it of approximately \$20.00. Students are responsible for paying for the urine drug screen and background check which will be required **AFTER** acceptance into the program, but prior to clinical placement. The urine drug screen will cost approximately \$50.00; the background check will cost \$50.00. The physical exam cost varies based on physician. Students are responsible for obtaining and paying for their health insurance. Clinical education experiences may require students to travel to clinical education sites out of the local area. Students are responsible for costs associated with travel to clinical sites.

I have read and understand the above statement relating to program costs. I realize I am responsible for payment for the above if admitted into the PTA Program

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date

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Student Health, Physician Certification, Physical Condition, and Disability
Informed Consent Form**

Students who are accepted into a Health Professions program must be able to perform course related physical activities. A copy of the essential functions and physical tasks required for the program is included in this packet. **The student is required to have a physical and submit certification from a physician that the student is able to perform the related essential functions and physical tasks required for this profession. Proof of physical and the student's ability to perform the essential functions and physical tasks of a physical therapist assistant is to be submitted with the application packet. A copy of the essential functions and physical demands is included for the student to take to the physician.**

In the event a student becomes pregnant, a written statement is required from a medical doctor stating that the physical exertion required during the course work and clinical work is not contraindicated. After the delivery, written notice is required from a medical doctor that releases the student to return to the normal course related activities of that particular program.

In the event of an extended (anything beyond four days) illness, injury, or surgery, two letters must be submitted by a medical physician. The first letter is due upon the onset and should state the problem, restrictions, and prognosis. The second letter should state fitness to return to normal course related activities and should be submitted prior to returning to the program.

The faculty and/or the advisory committee of individual programs reserve the right to make the final decision regarding a student's return to the program after a medical leave.

Students who are admitted to the Program are required to submit proof of health insurance during the first summer session.

NWACC strives to provide reasonable accommodation as necessary to allow a student to be successful. If you have a documented disability that would require reasonable accommodation, please contact the Office of disability Services.

I have read and understand the above statement relating to student health, physical condition, and disabilities. I realize I am responsible for seeing a physician and submitting the physician signed Essential Functions & Physical abilities form with my application.

Student Name (Print)

Date

Student Signature

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Witness Signature

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