Thank you for applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant Hybrid Program. We are currently seeking approval for this expansion program from CAPTE. This statement informs applicants that we will not know approval/declination status of this program until June of 2020.

This program was designed for students who wish to seek a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant but remain living, completing clinical internships, and practicing in the areas they currently reside. Point and selection preference will be given to students applying at greater distances from the main campus location. It is our desire to have this program provide for those in underserved areas who need access to quality and timely education. **Therefore, students in the hybrid program will be required to complete a portion, if not all, of their clinical internships outside of Northwest Arkansas at the student's expense.**

In addition, we would like the graduates of this program to remain in these areas to serve the patients who desperately need access to individuals with a high quality education in the area of physical therapy.

The required application forms, due by November 1 to the PTA department, and other important information concerning the Physical Therapist Assistant Program application process is available by clicking Program Information. Please keep this document for your reference to requirements, deadlines, and program specific information.

You will receive a summary of the points you have accrued for review via your NWACC email account prior to the end of the current term.

Please monitor your NWACC email regularly for updates.

Thank you,
NWACC Physical Therapy Assistant Department

Health Professions Division

Physical Therapist Assistant

Hybrid Application Information

The PTA application is available June 1– November 1. The following forms are part of PTA Hybrid application process and have to be completed and submitted to the Health Professions office by the November 1st t 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 November 1 for the hybrid program
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 10 qualified applicants into the technical phase of the hybrid PTA Program in January. To qualify, applicants must complete a minimum of 17 credit hours of general education courses to include BIOL 2214, ENGL 1013, HIM 1123 **or** CISQ 1103, MATH 2103 **OR** MATH 1003, PSYC 2003, and AHSC 1001 by the end of the Fall 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 **November 1st**. We will begin the process of ranking applicants based on courses they have taken, but the final rank will not occur until all course grades are obtained at the end of the Fall semester.

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 **November 1st**.

The PTA program is a two-year associate degree program consisting of 9 general education courses and 26 PTA lecture and lab courses. PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology is not considered a "technical course" and may be taken without application to the program if desired.

General Education Courses: The following courses must be taken before admission to the program.

- BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I
- ENGL 1013 Composition I
- PSYC 2003 General Psychology
- HIM 1123 Electronic Health Records OR CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer
- HIM 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology
- MATH 1203 College Algebra OR MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math (not considered in the GPA requirement)

If not previously taken, the remaining General Education Courses listed below must be combined with the "Technical Courses" during the first spring semester of the program. These courses are required to complete the degree plan. You may choose to take these courses prior to this semester if desired.

- BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II
- ENGL 1023 Composition II
- PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy

There will be no course substitutions for Clinical Kinesiology

Requirements and Selection: Provides a general overview of the requirements for application to the hybrid PTA Program, and information *regarding the ranking formula used to select the top 10 ranked applicants* who will be offered a position into the technical phase of the hybrid PTA Program. Applicants are required to perform an interview process with the PTA Selection Committee. Applicants will be contacted in late fall so times and dates may be established. **NOTE: Students must attend mandatory lab courses 5 times a semester starting the first Summer semester.**

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 (619-4153) 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

Students must have achieved a 3.25 GPA in 14 of the 17 hours of general education courses which are required for application to the program. Students must also earn a "C" or higher in all other general education and PTA Program Technical courses to remain in the PTA Program and graduate with an AAS in PTA. While MATH 1203 or MATH 1003 must be completed for application to the program it will not be considered in the GPA requirement.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

BIOL 2214 Anatomy and Physiology I
CISQ 1103 Intro to Computer Information **OR**
HIM 1123 Electronic Health Records
ENGL 1013 English Composition I
PSYC 2003 General Psychology
AHSC 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology
MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math **OR** MATH 1203 College Algebra (not considered in the GPA requirement)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE OR DURING THE FIRST SPRING SEMESTER OF THE PROGRAM

ENGL 1023 English Composition II
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II
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. Enrollment is limited by class size: The Physical Therapist Assistant Hybrid Program may only admit 10 students per year in January. The top ranked 10 students who meet all the criteria will receive an invitation for admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant Hybrid 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.

Students are ranked based on the following Selection Criteria:

40/136 = 29.4%	A&P I and Intro to Medical Terminology
36/136 = 26.5%	ENGL Comp I, General Psychology, Intro to Computers or EHR
30/136 = 22.05%	Interview/ Observation
30/136 = 22.05%	Distance from NWACC Main Campus*
136/136 = 100%	**Total points possible**

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100 miles or greater= 30pts
75-99 miles= 25 pts
55-74 miles= 15 pts
35-54 miles= 10 pts
34 miles of less= 0 pts

DEGREE AUDIT INFORMATION:

If you are transferring credits from another institution and/or want to determine if you have met the general education 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 Hybrid Application and required documents is November1st

Documentation can be submitted in person at:
NWACC Center for Health Professions Division Secretary office # 2002

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 general education courses 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:**
November 1	PTA Program Application and application materials due to the Health Professions Division secretary by 4:00 pm.
November 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 November	Application file checked for completeness by Health Profession secretary and we will begin the interview process.
Fourth week of November	Email sent to applicant to inform applicant if their application is complete or if it is missing information.
First week of December	PTA Program Director & selection committee will review applications.
End of Fall Semester	If applicant completed program general education courses at another institution in Fall, 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 Fall grades will be available online to the PTA Program Director.
10 working days after grades are due in the Registrar's Office for the Fall semester	The applicants rank will be tallied and notification of acceptance or declination will go to applicants via NWACC email.
Spring registration per catalog	Accepted applicants register for Spring PTA Program Courses which begin in January!
January	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 and Physical

Essential Functions and Physical Demands: 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 Therapy Assistant program.

Admission to the NWACC Physical Therapy 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, 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, bowel 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) Date

_____ _____

Student Signature Date

_____ _____

Witness Signature Date

NWACC PTA Program Application
Curriculum Informed Consent Form

- 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. This a hybrid format program. **Students will be required to attend on campus labs Friday-Sunday five times a semester starting with the first summer semester.**
- Students must have achieved a 3.25 GPA in 14 of the 17 hours of general education courses which are required for application to the program. Students must also earn a minimum of a "C" or higher in all other general education and PTA Program Technical courses to remain in the PTA Program and graduate with an AAS in PTA. While MATH 1203 or MATH 1003 must be completed for application to the program it will not be considered in the GPA requirement.

17 HOURS OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION TO THE PROGRAM

BIOL 2214 Anatomy and Physiology I
CISQ 1103 Intro to Computer Information **OR**
HIM 1123 Electronic Health Records
ENGL 1013 English Composition I
PSYC 2003 General Psychology
AHSC 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology
MATH 1203 College Algebra **OR**
MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math

12 HOURS OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE OR DURING THE FIRST SPRING SEMESTER OF THE PROGRAM

ENGL 1023 English Composition II
BIOL 2224 Anatomy and Physiology II
PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy

General Education and Technical PTA Program Courses: Students accepted into the PTA Program must complete all 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 PTA Program Courses*** begin each January.

Fall I Semester (17 credit hours)

☐ *BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I **
☐ *ENGL 1013 Composition I*
☐ *HIM 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology*
☐ *PSYC 2003 General Psychology*
☐ *CISQ 1103 Intro to Computer Information **OR***
☐ *HIM 1123 Electronic Health Records*
☐ *MATH 1003 Survey of Technical Math **OR***
☐ *MATH 1203 College Algebra*

Spring Semester (17 credit hours)

☐ *BIOL 2224 Anatomy & Physiology II*
☐ *ENGL 1023 Composition II*
☐ *PHTA 2105 Clinical Kinesiology in Physical Therapy*
☐ *PHTA 2213 Pathophysiological Conditions*
☐ *PHTA 2252 Life Span Development*

Summer Semester (10 credit hours)

☐ *PHTA 2101 Basic Principals of Physical Therapy*
☐ *PHTA 2121 Basic Principals of Physical Therapy Lab*
☐ *PHTA 2114 Basic PT Tests and Measures*
☐ *PHTA 2112 Basic PT Tests and Measures Lab*
☐ *PHTA 2332 Special Topics*

Fall Semester (14 credit hours)

☐ *PHTA 2231 Therapy & Treatment Techniques*
☐ *PHTA 2232 Therapy & Treatment Techniques Lab*
☐ *PHTA 2283 Physical Therapy Procedures I*
☐ *PHTA 2202 Physical Therapy Procedures I Lab*
☐ *PHTA 2241 Gait Analysis Training*
☐ *PHTA 2242 Gait Analysis Training Lab*
☐ *PHTA 2222 Communication & Documentation*
☐ *PHTA 2271 Clinical Experience I*

Spring Semester (15 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 2352 Clinical Internship I*
☐ *PHTA 2361 Pediatrics Lecture*
☐ *PHTA 2371 Pediatrics Lab*

Summer Semester (6 credit hours)

☐ *PHTA 2403 Clinical Internship II*
☐ *PHTA 2413 Clinical Internship III*

I have received information regarding the curriculum & curriculum requirements to be considered eligible for acceptance into the PTA Program.

_____ _____
Student Name (Print) Date

_____ _____
Student 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. We have no lists or preferences of clinics. DO NOT contact the department for recommendations or assistance with this observation. This should be done independently by the applicant.

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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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 general education courses:

Course Name	**Institution where you are taking the course**

This form is a SAMPLE for your use only. DO NOT return with your packet.

Name_____ID#_____

Science Courses	Hours	Grade	Points Possible	Points Earned
BIOL 2214 Anatomy & Physiology I	4		32	
AHSC 1001 Intro to Medical Terminology	1		8	
TOTAL (A=8 B=6 C=4)			**40**	

General Education Courses	Hours	Grade	Points Possible	Points Earned
ENGL 1013 Eng. Composition I	3		12	
PSYC 2003 General Psychology	3		12	
CISQ 1103 Introduction to Computer Information	3		12	
TOTAL (A=4 B=3 C=2)			**36**	

Distance from the main campus		Points Possible	Points Earned
100 miles or greater	**30pts**		
75-99 miles	**25 pts**		
55-74 miles	**15 pts**		
35-54 miles	**10 pts**		
34 miles of less	**0 pts**		
TOTAL		**30**	

Interview	Score	Points Possible	Points Earned
Observation/Interview		30	
Total		**30**	

Summary	Points Possible	Points earned
Science Courses	40	
General Education Courses	36	
Distance from the Main Campus	30	
Interview	30	
Total Points	**136**	

ESL Student: Score on 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 hybrid PTA Program curriculum is very demanding with many hours of required coursework. It is recommended that students work no more than 20-25 hrs/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. **This program was designed for students who wish to seek a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant but remain living, completing clinical internships, and practicing in the areas they currently reside**. Point and selection preference will be given to students applying at greater distances from the main campus location. It is our desire to have this program serve those in underserved areas who need access to quality and timely education. **Therefore, students in the hybrid program will be required to complete a portion, if not all, of their clinical internships outside of Northwest Arkansas 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 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 November 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 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. **Some states have particular regulations and it is the students responsibility to contact the Physical Therapy State Board in that state and check these regulations if you are outside the state of Arkansas**. 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, TB, Immunizations 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 (including the flu vaccine) 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

NWACC PTA Program Application
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 spring 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	Date
Witness Signature	Date