

Application Submission Dates

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Admission of applicants is competitive. Applicants seeking admission to the PTA program must meet admission requirements as outlined in this handout. **Applicants who are permanent residents of Orangeburg or Calhoun counties are given additional points on the rating sheet. Please refer to the rating sheet for details on how points are calculated. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.** Admission of international students must comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to international student enrollment in U.S. colleges.

The admission process involves several important details. To ensure that all interested applicants understand the admission process, they must attend a Health Information Program (HIP) Session before an application for admission will be accepted by a Counselor. All documents that are submitted with the application packet – including, but not limited to, official transcripts and test scores – become the exclusive property of the college and will not be returned to the applicant.

Applicants should be aware that all PTA students must be able to meet the following technical standards required for this occupation before starting the program.

Technical Standards

To be able to successfully perform as a student in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, you must be able to accomplish items 1-15 as listed below with or without reasonable accommodations:

1. Put on and remove clothing and equipment correctly without assistance (i.e. surgery suit, shoe covers, etc.).
2. Lift 50 pounds from the floor, carry and place on a surface 36 inches in height.
3. Stand from a seated position and walk 300 feet without any impairment.
4. Lift or transfer a patient from a bed, stretcher or wheelchair safely.
5. Go from a standing position to a squatting or tall kneeling position and vice versa.
6. Extend legs forward and backward while maintaining good balance to provide safe patient support as needed.
7. Demonstrate proper body mechanics during lifting and patient care tasks.
8. Safely manage invasive lines during patient care interventions.
9. Transport or push a patient in a wheelchair, bed or stretcher without assistance.
10. Walk up and down several flights of stairs.
11. Perform a pivoting movement.
12. Follow oral and written instructions.
13. Detect both visual and audible alarms.
14. Correctly read aloud written instructions.
15. Demonstrate fine motor skills in manipulating small objects.

Applicants who need to be evaluated for reasonable accommodations should make an appointment with the Coordinator for Services for Students with Disabilities, Tracy Dibble, by calling 803-535-1225 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Admitted students who are not able to perform all Technical Standards will have the admission offer rescinded.

Non-Discrimination Policy: Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in its admissions policies, programs, activities or employment practices. Employee and applicant inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College may be directed to the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer, the Director of Human Resources, Marie Howell, 3250 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg, SC 29118, 803-535-1207, who serves as the College's Section 504, Title II and Title IX Coordinator.

A national background check and drug test will be required upon acceptance to the program and before starting class. Positive results on a background check and/or drug test may prohibit participation in clinical experiences and may necessitate removal from the program. Clinical sites may require additional background and drug testing during the course of a student's enrollment.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the Program Coordinator or Dean of any criminal charges, convictions, orders, and/or sanctions that occur during the course of his/her enrollment. Failure to notify the Program Coordinator or Dean may necessitate removal from the program and revocation of eligibility by the State to take the National Board Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants to become licensed to practice. Concerns regarding prior convictions should be directed to SC LLR, PT Board.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You will need to attend a Health Information Program (HIP) Session to obtain admission information and application materials. You can register for a virtual ZOOM session or attend an online (self-paced) HIP Session by going to <https://www.octech.edu/programs/physical-therapist-assistant/>, scrolling down to Health Information Program, and clicking register for HIP Zoom Session or Launch Online HIP Session. Application packets are available at the conclusion of each HIP session.

1. OCtech students or those transferring from other colleges must possess a **2.50 cumulative GPA** from the last college where 12 or more credit hours (does not include developmental/remedial courses) were attempted.
 - ✓ All applicants must have or be eligible to take college-level courses.
 - ✓ Applicants must be a high school graduate (certificate of completion does not qualify) or possess a GED.
 - ✓ Applicants must complete all 10 prerequisite courses with a “C” or better OR be enrolled with a finish date PRIOR to the start of the PTA program to apply.
2. If necessary, take required admission and/or placement tests as outlined in the HIP Session.
3. Meet one of the following test criteria:
 - a. ATI TEAS®, TEAS V or VII (Reading and Math only): Reading score of 65 or above and Math score of 65 or above.. **Students are allowed to take the TEAS test a maximum of two times within 12 months. There is a minimum waiting time requirement of 2 weeks between each TEAS test attempt.** We will only accept ATI TEAS®, TEAS V or VII. All scores must be within five (5) years from the date of application.
 - b. SAT scores of 26 Reading and 480 Math or ACT Reading 19 and Math 17 may be used in lieu of TEAS V, VII or ATI TEAS test requirements.
 - c. Completion of a higher education degree from a regionally or nationally accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher. A Bachelor’s Degree with the minimum required cumulative GPA may be used in lieu of the TEAS V, VII or ATI TEAS or SAT/ACT test requirements.
4. The application packet should include the following:
 - a. Application for Nursing and Health Science program
 - b. OCtech County Residency Form
 - c. ATI TEAS®, TEAS V or VII, SAT or ACT scores
 - d. **Official** high school transcript or GED transcript indicating proof of graduation
 - e. **Official** transcripts from ALL colleges attended. Transcripts must be sent from the college to OCtech via mail, electronically, or emailed to studentrecords@octech.edu. Transcripts should be received by OCtech 10 days prior to application submission but no later than the application submission deadline. **All college transcripts must be complete and current with proof of completion of the 10 prerequisite courses.** If students are enrolled in any prerequisite course(s) when they apply, applicants must show proof of the courses “in progress”. Then, an official transcript must be submitted to Records PRIOR to the start of the PTA program showing course completion with a “C” or better.
 - f. Rating Sheet
 - g. PTA Confirmation of Observation Hours Form with proof of a minimum of 40 observation hours of a PT or PTA offering physical therapy services in at least one practice setting (inpatient or outpatient facility). It is recommended to complete hours in both settings.
5. **Applicants who have had two or more Nursing or Health Science program attempts (withdrawal and/or failure) within three years are ineligible to apply.**
6. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident. Admission of international students must comply with federal and state regulations pertaining to international student enrollment in U.S. colleges.
7. Hours of observation of a PT or PTA offering physical therapy services in at least one practice setting (inpatient or outpatient facility). It is recommended to complete hours in both settings. Those working as a Rehab Aide must provide proof of hours worked.

Qualified applicants who attended college outside of the United States and who meet citizenship requirements must provide an official translation transcript(s) from World Education Service. Fees for English translation of international transcripts must be paid by the applicant (contact our Registrar at studentrecords@octech.edu or 803-535-1222 for details). **Misrepresentation of information on any required forms or a willful attempt to misrepresent residency will make an applicant ineligible for admission to the PTA curriculum.**

Physical Therapist Assistant - Projected Expenses 2023-2024

ANTICIPATED ADDITIONAL PROGRAM EXPENSES <i>*All costs are approximate and subject to change.</i>	
FIRST SEMESTER	Approximate Cost
Health Science Deposit	\$50.00
Lab Fee	\$25.00
Books	\$800.00
Computer	\$300.00
Hepatitis Vaccine (Depends on Source)	\$125.00
PPD / TB Test	\$25.00
Physical (Depending on Source)	\$150.00
Malpractice Insurance (Annually)	\$6.00
Liability Insurance	\$42.10
Drug Screen	\$40.00
Criminal Background Check	\$48.50
CPR and First Aid	\$200.00
APTA Membership	\$80.00
SCAPTA Membership	\$5.00
Lab Coat	\$30.00
Collared Shirt	\$30.00
Scrubs	\$120.00
ViewPoint	\$110.00
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ANTICIPATED) FOR FIRST SEMESTER	\$2,186.60
Second Semester	Approximate Cost
Lab Fee	\$25.00
Books	\$500.00
Travel	\$400.00
Drug Screen	\$40.00
Criminal Background Check	\$48.50
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ANTICIPATED) FOR SECOND SEMESTER	\$1,013.50
Third Semester	Approximate Cost
Books	\$500.00
Travel	\$400.00
Mock Practice Exams	\$140.00
Board Review Course	\$150.00
Graduation / Cap and Gown Fee	\$50.00
License Application Fee	\$120.00
Board Exam Fee	\$485.00
Drug Screen	\$40.00
Prometric Testing Center Fee	\$82.60
Criminal Background Check	\$48.50
APTA Membership	\$80.00
SCAPTA Membership	\$5.00
ADDITIONAL COSTS (ANTICIPATED) FOR THIRD SEMESTER	\$2,101.10
In addition to tuition and \$90.00 of anticipated registration, enrollment, and health science fees:	\$5,301.20
TOTAL ESTIMATE of other expenses for PTA Program	

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA) at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (OCtech) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

If needing to contact the PTA Program at OCtech directly, please call Program Coordinator, Lynn Fralix, at 803-535-1305 or email fralixlw@octech.edu.

PTA Confirmation of Observation Hours Form

To the PT or PTA Allowing the Applicant to Complete Observation Hours:

On behalf of the PTA Program at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College, we thank you for allowing this applicant to observe the practice of physical therapy at your facility. Applicants are required to observe a PT or PTA as part of the application process to gain knowledge of the physical therapy profession and better prepare them for success as a Student Physical Therapist Assistant. All applicants must have a minimum of 40 hours in at least 1 practice setting, either inpatient and/or outpatient, prior to applying to the PTA Program. It is recommended to complete hours in both settings in order to strengthen preparation for the PTA program. If an applicant works as a Rehab Aide, he or she must provide proof of the number of hours worked. Please fill out the information below to confirm the number of observation hours completed by this prospective PTA student.

Students may complete the 40 observation hours in at least 1 practice setting (inpatient or outpatient). It is recommended to complete hours in both settings.

Sincerely,
PTA Program Faculty

Applicant Name: _____	Inpatient Setting	Outpatient Setting
Name of Facility Where Observation or Work as a Rehab Aide Occurred		
Type of Practice Setting Where Observation Took Place - Acute, Inpatient Rehab, Adult Outpatient, Pediatric Outpatient, Private Practice, Sports Medicine, Skilled Nursing, etc.		
Date(s) of Observation or Work as a Rehab Aide		
Total Number of Hours Observed or Worked as a Rehab Aide		
Printed Name of PT/PTA Observed		
Signature of PT/PTA That Student Observed		
<p>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.</p> <p>Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____</p>		

- ❖ *Practice settings should include those where physical therapy services are offered and a full-time PT or PTA is on staff.*
- ❖ *Observation or work hours will NOT be accepted for observing occupational therapists, speech therapists, recreational therapists, athletic trainers, chiropractors, or massage therapists.*
- ❖ *Acceptable inpatient facilities include acute hospitals, inpatient rehab units at a hospital, skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, or independent inpatient rehab units*
- ❖ *Acceptable outpatient facilities include adult or pediatric outpatient, sports medicine, private practice, or hospital-based outpatient facilities.*
- ❖ *Applicants must complete observation hours in inpatient and/or outpatient facilities. Students can also gain additional hours by observing at facilities that include both inpatient and outpatient services.*
- ❖ *There is no requirement for the number of hours expected in each setting. All hours together must be at least 40 hours to apply.*
- ❖ *If you have questions about this requirement, please contact the Program Coordinator, Lynn Fralix, at 803-535-1305 or via email at fralixlw@octech.edu.*

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Rating Sheet

Applicant's Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

***Please circle and complete the appropriate point value on the following 6 sections.*

Section 1: ATI TEAS®/Teas V Scores, SAT/ACT Scores, or Bachelor Degree with 2.75 minimum GPA (maximum 30 points)

ATI TEAS®/TEAS V or VII Reading and Math Scores				OR	ACT/SAT Reading and Math Scores						OR	Bachelor Degree GPA:	
Reading Score	Points	Math Score	Points		ACT Reading Score	SAT Reading Score	Points	ACT Math Score	SAT Math Score	Points		GPA	Points
95-100%	15	95-100%	15	OR	35-36	39-40	15	35-36	760-800	15	OR	4.0	30
90-94.9%	10	90-94.9%	10		31-34	37-38	10	31-34	700-750	10		3.75 – 3.99	25
85-89.9%	8	85-89.9%	8		29-30	35-36	8	29-30	650-690	8		3.5 – 3.74	20
80-84.9%	5	80-84.9%	5		25-28	32-34	5	25-28	590-640	5		3.25 – 3.49	15
70-79.9%	3	70-79.9%	3		21-24	29-31	3	21-24	530-580	3		3.0 – 3.24	10
65-69.9%	2	65-69.9%	2		19-20	26-28	2	17-20	480-520	2		2.75 – 2.99	5
TOTAL POINTS						TOTAL POINTS							TOTAL POINTS

Section 2: Cumulative GPA _____

The cumulative GPA is your overall grade point average from the last college you attended with 12 or more credit hours.

College: _____

GPA	Points
4.00	25
3.75 - 3.99	20
3.50 – 3.74	15
3.00 – 3.49	10
2.75 – 2.99	7
2.50 – 2.74	5
TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 25)	

Section 4: Residency

Special consideration is given to students that have resided permanently for at least one year in one of OCtech's two-county service areas.

County	Points
Orangeburg or Calhoun	5
TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 5)	

Section 3: Coursework Bonus

Course	Grade
BIO 210 Points: _____	A – 7 Points B – 4 Points
BIO 211 Points: _____	C – 1 Point Exempt Test Score – 3 Points
ENG 101 Points: _____	A – 3 Points B – 2 Points
MAT 102 Points: _____	C – 1 Point Exempt Test Score – 2 Points
TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 20)	

Section 5: Observation Hours

MUST submit Confirmation of Observation Hours Form *Minimum of 40 hours in 2 different settings (inpatient and outpatient) at 2 separate locations.	Points
161 or more hours of observation	10
121 – 160 hours of observation	8
81 – 120 hours of observation	6
40 – 80 hours of observation	4
TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 10 points)	

Section 6: Academic Achievement Bonus

Highest Degree Earned Points will only be allowed for one bonus area below.	Points
Bachelor degree or higher in any field with minimum GPA of 3.0	10
Degree in Respiratory, Radiology, Licensed Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Dental Hygienist, MLT	5
Certificate or Diploma in CNA, PCT, EMT, Paramedic, Surg Tech, Pharmacy Tech, Dental Assistant, ECG, Dialysis Tech, Phlebotomy, and Medical Assistant	3
TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 10)	

*General Education Courses Required

(no points for this section)

Please check courses completed and write "IP" beside courses that are in progress.			
Course	Grade or IP	Course	Grade or IP
BIO 210		AHS 104	
BIO 211		MAT 102	
PSY 201		CPT 170/101	
PSY 203		HUM ELECT	
ENG 101		SPC 205	

TOTAL POINTS: _____ (max of 100)

Verification: Applicant's Initials: _____

Reviewer's Initials: _____