

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT OBSERVATION HOURS

Student Applicant Name: _____

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Physical Therapist Assistant program applicants are required to complete a **combined total of 40 observation hours** in both inpatient and outpatient facilities prior to applying for PTA program admission. Applicants who work as a rehab aide must provide proof of the number of hours worked.

Practice settings should include those where physical therapy services are offered and a full-time PT or PTA is on staff. Hours are not 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. There is no specified minimum number of hours required for each setting. However, the total hours accumulated across all settings must amount to at least 40 hours in order to be eligible.

	INPATIENT SETTING	OUTPATIENT SETTING
Facility Name		
Type of Practice Setting (acute, inpatient rehab, adult outpatient, pediatric outpatient, private practice, sports medicine, skilled nursing, etc.)		
Observation Dates		
Observation Hours		
PT/PTA Observed	PLEASE PRINT NAME	PLEASE PRINT NAME
	PT/PTA SIGNATURE	PT/PTA SIGNATURE

I certify that the information given is complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that submitting false information is grounds for denial of admission.

Student Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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