

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	IMPORTANT INFORMATION	✓
High School Transcript or GED Scores	Official high school transcript is required	.
College Transcripts	Official College transcript (s) required.	
Accuplacer: Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score of 80 OR a College level biology class with a lab A minimum grade of C in BIO-213, BIO-101 or BIO-115 will meet this requirement. Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Registrar. 	
Accuplacer: Sentence Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score of 74 OR a College level writing class A minimum grade of C in ENG-101 will meet this requirement Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Registrar. 	
Accuplacer: Algebra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score of 75 OR a College level algebra class A minimum grade of C in MAT-117 will meet this requirement. Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Registrar. 	
Physics	Successful completion of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High School Physics with a lab, (grade of C+) OR Adult Education Physics: Odyssey Physics is offered at Waterville Adult Ed. The cost is \$35.00. A score of 77 or higher must be achieved on the final exam. Contact 873-5754. College Physics with a lab (grade of C or better) Transfer credits will be evaluated by the Registrar. 	
Clinical Job Shadows & Admission Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of two (2) jobs shadows. The instructions and details are on the Job Shadow Form. The essay prompts are located on the Admission Essay Form. These forms are included or may be obtained in the Enrollment Service Center, Frye Building, Fairfield. 	
Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS-V) Required composite score of 60 Percentile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be taken twice in an academic year (September to August) No less than 45 days between test dates Test consists of Reading, Math, Science, and English & Language Usage The TEAS-V may only be taken three (3) times in total. <p><i>Instructions on how to register for a test date will be mailed to students. Payment is expected at the time of test date registration.</i></p>	
Academic Standing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students currently matriculated at KVCC must hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the start of their first semester of program study; Students who are transferring must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at their previous educational institution. 	

PHYSICAL THERAPIST INFORMATION & ORIENTATION SESSION

Upon successful completion of the above academic admission requirements, you will receive an acceptance letter. You must attend a required PTA Information & Orientation Session. Failure to attend this required session within two (2) months of your acceptance will jeopardize your admission status. You will be notified of the date for this session by Verla Ubert, MA PT, MBA (Program Director & Faculty).

For information regarding the admission process for this program, general information about the program or a tour of the campus, contact:

CJ McKenna, Admissions

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Phone: 453-5155

Office: Enrollment Center, Fairfield

Verla Ubert, PTA Program Director & Faculty

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Phone: 453-5147

Office: 129 Lunder Library, Fairfield

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

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Each applicant must observe two (2) different settings to successfully complete the job shadow requirement.

An applicant can:

1. Visit two (2) settings; one (1) from category A and one (1) from category B - see below.
Each job shadow must be at least four (4) hours long.

OR

2. Document previous or current work experience in an PT Practice **AND** complete one (1) job shadow in a different setting.

Proper documentation is required from all job shadows and or work/volunteer experiences.

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Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Printed Name of PT/PTA shadowed: _____

Type of Facility (Check one (1) from each category):

Category A Observation

- Outpatient Physical Rehabilitation
- Pediatrics/Developmental Disabilities
- Private Practice

Category B Observation

- Acute Care Hospital
- Home Health
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

Please give a brief description of this applicant's exposure to Physical Therapy and any additional comments.

Printed Name of PT/PTA

Signature of PT/PTA

No. of Hours Completed

Date:

ACCREDITATION

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kennebec Valley Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE):

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ADMISSION ESSAY

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

DIRECTIONS: FULLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. ATTACH THIS SIGNED FORM TO YOUR TYPED ESSAY RESPONSES AND RETURN TO THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE, KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 92 WESTERN AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, MAINE 049237.

1. Why have you chosen to pursue the career of a Physical Therapist Assistant?
2. Describe your understanding of the role of the Physical Therapist Assistant in the field of Physical Therapy.
3. Given your two (2) job shadow experiences, address the following items:
 - Identify each facility (2) and the Physical Therapist or Assistant that you shadowed. Describe what you observed during your job shadowing experiences. For each site, describe one treatment session you observed.
 - What did you learn about Physical Therapy from your job shadowing experiences that you may not have known before?

Reviewed by Verla Ubert, PTA Program Director

PTA Coordinator Signature:

Date:

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Notice to the Applicant

Criminal Background Checks

Applicants to certain programs need to note that a criminal background check will likely be required while enrolled in the program or as a condition of employment in the field. Certain internship and/or practicum sites, such as health care facilities, may limit or deny clinical privileges to those students who have a prior or current criminal record.

- Should a clinical facility refuse to permit a student to complete a clinical rotation based upon the student's criminal background check, the student may not be able to complete the program. In the event a student is denied placement at a clinical site the college will likely be required to enter an academic dismissal from the program.
- Additionally, certain licensing and credentialing boards may refuse to issue a license to practice based upon prior or current criminal offense (s). To learn more about whether the program or profession in which you are interested has such requirements or limitations, contact the appropriate Department Chair.

Infectious Diseases

Applicants who consider a career in Nursing or the Allied Health professions should be aware that during the course of their education and subsequent employment, they will be working in situations where exposure to infectious diseases is probable. This is an occupational risk for all health care workers. Persons should not become health care workers unless they recognize and accept this risk. Proper education and strict adherence to well-established infection control guidelines, however, can reduce the risk to a minimum. Thorough education in infection control procedures is an integral part of each health care program.

Exposure to Latex

Additionally, applicants should be aware that exposure to natural rubber latex (NRL) is likely. Individuals exposed to NRL products may develop allergic reactions such as skin rashes; hives; nasal, eyes, or sinus symptoms; and, rarely, shock.

Costs

Costs associated with required immunizations & titers, criminal background checks, finger printing (when applicable) and admission testing are the responsibility of the applicant.

Clinical/Fieldwork Placement

Students may be scheduled for day, evening and night clinical/fieldwork experiences in some programs. It is expected that the student is able to make the necessary arrangements in order to complete all scheduled times. Placement is State-wide. The student is responsible for all travel and/or living related to the clinical or fieldwork experience.

Drug Testing

Drug testing may be a requirement of clinical education sites. Students will be responsible for the cost of such testing if required by the site.

KVCC is an equal opportunity affirmative action institution and employer.

For more information, contact the Academic Dean, at (207) 453-5117.