

## PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) are health professionals who help individuals recover from injury, illness, or dysfunction and who assist clients pursue optimal fitness and health. PTAs work under the supervision and direction of the physical therapist in a variety of settings including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing centers, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, and schools. Graduates should demonstrate competence in observation, communication, motor skills, judgment, and professional behavior.

**Accreditation and Degree.** The physical therapist assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association until 2011. Students graduating from the physical therapist assistant program receive an Associate of Applied Science degree. This training is not to be confused with a PT degree, which involves graduate school preparation.

*Accreditation is an important indicator of the quality of academic programs. Shawnee State University supports the concept of accreditation of its programs and strives to maintain accreditation to meet the needs of its students.*

**Application Deadline** The **minimum** requirements for admissions for the PTA program must be received or post-marked in the *Admissions Office* no later than **April 1, early application is encouraged beginning in mid-January. (PLEASE NOTE: ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PTA PROGRAM IS COMPETITIVE. MEETING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE.)**

- Application to Shawnee State University
- Physical Therapy Assistant Application and fee (\$30)
- Official high school transcript **OR** official GED score transcript with relevant documentation of a grade of “C” or better in Algebra, Biology, Chemistry and Physics (or any 3 high school sciences i.e. Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics) or college course of high school equivalency. **Minimum high school grade point average of 2.66**
- Official college transcripts, if applicable. If less than 24 semester hours of college credit has been received, high school grade point average will be used.
- ACT or SAT scores. Minimum of 19 in Science Reasoning and Composite Score
- Special Application form
- Typed and signed 500-1000 word essay entitled: “Why I Want to Become PTA”
- Documentation of **40 hours** of clinical observation of “job shadowing” under supervision of a licensed physical therapist assistant or physical therapist. **Minimum of 20 hours in 2 different settings. Please refer to “Job Shadowing/Recommendation” form in this packet.**

**Send to Office of Admissions:**

\_\_\_ Requested relevant official transcripts (high school, College, GED),

\_\_\_ Requested ACT or SAT scores, or retake of ACT, if needed to be sent,  
**(Scores within 10 years)**

\_\_\_ Updated transcript of completed Core courses with at least a “C”,

\_\_\_ Biology, Chemistry, Physics (or any 3 science courses i.e. Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics ) and Algebra at high school or college Level,

\_\_\_ Included fee of \$30.00 with documents from application packet (Check or money order should be payable to Shawnee State University. Need only be paid one time),

\_\_\_ Completed Special Application Form,

\_\_\_ Completed Writing sample with signature-500 to 1000 word Essay,

\_\_\_ Completed **40 hours** and requested Job Shadowing hours forms to be documented by the PT or PTA shadowed, (2 forms, one for each setting).

**KEEP THIS FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE**

**PTA Curriculum-Utilizing the “1+1 Model” for Summer Semester 2010 ONLY**

<b>Courses in ideal timing or sequence</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>New Semester Course Substitutions</b>	<b>Check mark if completed</b>
<b>Fall Semester</b>				
Biology 1130	Anatomy and Physiology	4	Biol. 3560 and Biol 3561	
AHNR 1104	Phys. Principles for Health Science Students	2	PSCI 2251 or Physics 2201 or 2202	
ANHR 1102	Medical Terminology	2	BUHE 3000	
English 1101 or 1102	Discourse and Composition	3-5		
Psychology 1101	Intro. to Psychology	3		
Math 1500 or 1100	Statistics* or Math Core	3		
<b>Spring Semester</b>	<i>First Aid and CPR</i> on a Health Provider level are still required-community agency courses are recommended, but college courses may suffice.			
Biology 3630	Principles Of Kinesiology	4	Biomechanics course may substitute	
<b>PTAT 1111</b>	<b>Introduction To PT</b>	<b>2</b>	<i>New for 2009-10</i>	<i>Offered in fall and spring</i>
English 1105	Composition and Research	3		
Psychology 1130	Lifespan Development for Health Sciences	3		
Sociology 1101	Intro. to Sociology	3		
Communications 1103	Public Speaking and Communication	3		

The above schedule is a sample for incoming freshman, but much of it may be completed at a local community college or be spread over a longer period, if taken on a part time basis. An alternate list is kept for one week into the summer term, in the case of a top ranked student dropping out.

Students need 6, **at least one half** of the above courses completed at time of application to be considered for selection process. Selection at that point would be conditional, based upon a favorable score on the interviews and completion of the remaining courses with at least a “C” during the Spring Semester.

***Note: These background core science and math courses are still required by the college in addition to the above, at either a high school or college level: any 3 of the sciences, (Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics) and Algebra still remain. (Lab is optional but preferred for these courses.)***

**Core PTA Courses, in order: 1 plus 1 program beginning Summer Semester 2010 ONLY.**

<b>Courses Call Numbers</b>	<b>Description or Title of Courses</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
PTAT 1115	PT in Physical Dysfunction	2
PTAT 1114	Regional Studies in Movement and Science Concepts	3
PTAT 1113	Regional Studies in Movement and Science Lab	3
PTAT 2123	PTA Therapeutic Concepts	3
PTAT 2122	PTA Procedures 1 and 2 Lab	2
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
PTAT 2190	Clinical Practicum and Seminar 1	2
PTAT 2231	Rehab. Concepts in Cardio. and Musculo.	3
PTAT 2230	Rehab. Procedures in Cardio. and Musculo. Lab	2
PTAT 2232	Neurology and Rehab. Concepts	3
PTAT 2233	Neurology and Rehab. Procedures Lab	2
<b>Spring Semester</b>		
PTAT 2290	Clinical Practicum 2	3
PTAT 2390	Clinical Practicum 3	3
PTAT 2490	Clinical Practicum 4	3
PTAT 1235- <i>online</i>	PT Trends and Administrative Procedures	2
PTAT 2255	PTA Seminar	1

**Program Facts and Figures.** Statistics about the physical therapist assistant program may be of interest to you, please visit [www.shawnee.edu/academics/](http://www.shawnee.edu/academics/). Also, check this website link for “**PTA Program Updates**” and “**Frequently Asked Questions**” to keep informed of the changes.

## Two Year PTAT Program (For incoming freshman with no or few college credits)

### First Year

#### FALL

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Credit Hrs.</u>	<u>Pre- requisites</u>
AHNR 1102	Medical Terminology	2	
AHNR 1104	Phys. Prin. for HS Students	2	
BIOL 1130	Prin. Of Anatomy & Phys. I	4	
ENGL 1101	Discourse and Composition	3-5 hrs.	
MATH 1500	Principles of Statistics	3	
PTAT 1111	Introduction to PT	<u>2</u>	
		<b>16-18</b>	

#### SPRING

PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3	
BIOL 3630	Kinesiology	4	BIOL 1130
COMM 1103	Public Speaking & Human Comm.	3	
PTAT 1115	PT in Physical Dysfunction	2	PTAT1111 or dual registration, & acceptance in PTA .
PTAT 2123	PTA Procedures 1 & 2 concepts	3	PTAT1111 or dual registration, & acceptance in PTA.
PTAT 2122	PTA procedures 1 &2 Laboratory	<u>2</u>	PTAT1111 or dual registration, & acceptance in PTA .
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#### SUMMER

PTAT 1114	Regnl. Studies in Movement & Sci.	3	BIOL 3630 grade of C- or better
PTAT 1113	Reg. Studies in Movt. & Sci. Lab.	3	BIOL 3630 grade of C- or better
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3	
ENGL 1105	Composition & Argument	<u>3</u>	ENGL 1101
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**Two Year  
PTAT  
Program  
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**Second Year**

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Credit Hrs.</u>	<u>Pre- requisites</u>
<b>FALL</b>			
PSYC 1130	Life Span Dev. For Health Sciences	3	PSYC 1101
PTAT 2231	Rehab Procedures I Concepts	3	PTAT 1114, 1113
PTAT 2230	Rehab Procedures I Laboratory	2	PTAT 1114, 1113
PTAT 2232	Neurology & Rehab Procedures Concepts Neurology & Rehab Procedures	3	PTAT 1114, 1113
PTAT 2233	Laboratory	2	PTAT 1114, 1113
PTAT 2190	Clinical Practicum I	<u>2</u>	
		<b>15</b>	
<b>SPRING</b>			
PTAT 1235	PT Administration (Online/Hybrid)	2	
PTAT 2255	PTA Seminar (Weekend and Capstone)	1	
PTAT 2290	Clinical Practicum 2	3	PTAT 1111, 1115, 2123, 2122, 1114, 1113, 2231, 2230, 2232, 2233, 2190
PTAT 2390	Clinical Practicum 3	3	PTAT 2290
PTAT 2490	Clinical Practicum 4	<u>3</u>	PTAT 2390
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\* All PTAT courses MUST be completed with a **grade of C or better** to move on through the program.

\*\* Students will be **accepted into the program in the spring/ early summer** and **begin classes in the fall.**

\*\*\* There will be no preference given for college or high school GPA, but students applying out of high school **MUST** have taken a minimum of high school algebra, chemistry, physics and Biology (**or any 3 science classes**, i.e. Biology I, Biology II, Anatomy/Physiology, Chemistry I, Chemistry II, Physics) with a grade of C or better.

## Job Shadowing or PT Tech/Aide Recommendation Form For PTA Admissions: Shawnee State University

**Instructions to Applicant:** Please complete the following information in the first box before attending clinic to job shadow or work. Hours required=20 in *two different* settings. Please follow facility guidelines for HIPAA confidentiality or sign on as a volunteer for training, if available at the site. Each Clinician that was shadowed should provide an evaluation. Copy this form as needed to meet the above requirement.

**Instructions for the Recommending Clinician:** The PT or PTA who is supplying the reference should document the hours, sign it, and place it in a sealed envelope, then seal and sign the outside of the envelope over the seal. The form may be returned to the applicant or sent in regular mail to: **Office of Admission, Shawnee State University, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662.**

**Student ID Waiver of FERPA:** This waiver statement should be signed if you desire to waive the rights of privacy provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, so that this reference may be read by others. This information will be used in a confidential manner for the express purpose of application to the PTA Program.

**Applicants' Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID** \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA or PT Name: (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **License No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department or site** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facility Name** \_\_\_\_\_

The PTA or PT should check the appropriate boxes below that best describes the candidate as compared to other students at the same level of study or preparation, within the Mays' Professional Abilities paradigm. Feel free to use the space below for comments.

Area/Skill	Outstanding	Good	Average	Below Average	Not able to assess
Commitment to learning					
Interpersonal skills					
Communication skills					
Professionalism					
Responsibility					
Problem Solving					
Critical Thinking					
Use of Constructive Feed back					
Stress Management					
Effective use of resources or time					

**Strongly recommend**    **Recommend**    **Recommend with Reservations**

**Do not recommend at this time**

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Continue to Log of Hours*

**Log of Hours**

Student Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Hours (state number of contact hours for the day or week)</b>	<b>Clinical Site-name and city (for clinics #1, 2 etc.)</b>
<b>Total hours</b>		

**Note:** We now require 20 hours from a minimum of **2 types of Physical Therapy settings. Total 40 hours.** Examples of settings may include (but are not limited to): skilled nursing centers, rehab. centers, acute care hospitals, home health, pediatrics in school settings, outpatient ambulatory orthopedic centers, and VA medical centers. **Application file to the PTA program is not complete without this form.**

**Signatures:** (either or both may sign) A signature and review are required with each PT/PTA shadowed for full points.

PT \_\_\_\_\_ #1                      Clinical Site \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
PTA \_\_\_\_\_ #1                      Clinical Site \_\_\_\_\_

PT \_\_\_\_\_ #2                      Clinical Site \_\_\_\_\_  
or  
PTA \_\_\_\_\_ #2                      Clinical Site \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return via regular mail to: Office of Admission, Shawnee State University, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662**

**PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

**Special Application for Admission Form**

*\*Please print legibly\**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Current St. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applying To Enter Program: Summer Semester of 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Semester of 2010 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate only one Semester)

**Please attach** a typed 500 - 1000 word essay answering the following question: ***“Why do I want to become a Physical Therapy Assistant?”***

*I certify that the above information is accurate and that I was the sole author of the writing sample.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this application form and essay attached with your \$30 (check or money order only) application fee to:**

**Shawnee State University, Office of Admission, 940 Second Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662**

*Shawnee State University does not discriminate in admission, access or treatment in programs and activities or employment policies or practices on the basis of race, creed, sex, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sexual orientation, status or qualified handicap.*

*Upon full acceptance into the PTA Program, the program now requires a criminal background check of each student. Results are sent by the student to the program leader (include federal and home state checks), are kept confidential and at the student's cost. The student applicant who has a criminal felony history is encouraged to contact the relevant state licensing board (authority) prior to the commencement of training, in order to confer with the state about his or her future eligibility for PTA licensure. Positive checks will be handled on a case by case basis, but could prevent or delay clinical placements. These checks may be completed at a local sheriff's or school district office currently at a total cost of less than \$100.*