



# Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Form

The student is responsible for submitting this form to the Lakeland Student Service Center as stipulated by the admission option he/she is pursuing (see below); otherwise, entry to the physical therapy assistant (PTA) program may be delayed.

(Please Print) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAKELAND ID (LID): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT VIA LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT EMAIL.

An official copy of your high school transcript, including the graduation date, or a copy of your General Educational Development (GED) transcript, must be submitted to the student service center before applying to the PTA program.

**PLEASE NOTE:** ANY STUDENT APPLYING TO THE PTA PROGRAM MUST MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR ABOVE AT ALL TIMES.

Students who wish to enter the PTA program must meet the criteria of one of the following three options. Applicants who have completed all the requirements for admission will be accepted on a rolling-admission, space-available basis. If completion of the criteria occurs after the incoming class is filled, students will be admitted into the next available class.

## PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE ADMISSION OPTION

### Option 1: High School Option

The High School Option is for new first time in college applicants with strong academic preparation in high school. Option 1 students can complete the program within five semesters. Admission to the PTA program is conditional, based on student completion of all requirements.

#### Admission Requirements:

- Complete college application(s).
- Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT) or combined score of 940 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- Place into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or higher or pass MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra
- Complete high school algebra, chemistry and biology with a "C" grade or higher.
- An overall high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirements.
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of observation in a physical therapy department under the supervision of a licensed PT or PTA. The hours must be in a minimum of two different physical therapy settings, 10 hours at each site. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact a physical therapy department to arrange for this observation. It is advisable to begin your observation experiences as soon as possible to ensure this career path is the most appropriate for you.
- The following courses, or equivalent courses from other regionally accredited colleges, must be completed with a "C" grade or higher and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher:
  - o HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions
  - o BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I

**NOTE:** Students must meet one of these requirements to take BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I with a "C" or higher:

1. High school biology within last five years and high school chemistry.
2. High school biology within last five years and CHEM 1100 Elementary Chemistry
3. BIOL 1200 Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies

Students are required to take the math placement test and be placed into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or higher or complete MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra with a "C" grade or higher. Students must also complete the following courses with at least a 2.0 overall GPA in order to qualify for admission into the PTA program:

- ENGL 1110 English Composition I (A) or ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B)
- FYEX 1000 First Year Experience
- PSYC 1500 Introduction to Psychology
- HLTH 1500 Ethics and Legal Issues for Health Professionals

To maintain admission using the High School Option, the above courses need to be completed with a "C" grade or higher and an overall prerequisite GPA of 2.5. Students must also have an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 higher while enrolled in the PTA program.

**Students who do not successfully complete the required or approved courses within the first semester (meeting the stated criteria), attend a mandatory PTA program orientation, and complete nonacademic program requirements by the stated deadline will have their admission revoked and will need to reapply to the College Option for admission into the PTA program.**

## Option 2: College Option

The College Option is for students who do not qualify for admission under the High School Option. Please note that students must complete the PTA courses in the required sequence and time frame.

### Admission Requirements:

- Complete college application(s).
- Submit high school transcripts as well as any college transcript(s).
- Composite score of 21 or higher on the American College Test (ACT), a combined score of 940 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), or a score of 62% on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
- Meet with a counselor to review program prerequisites and requirements.
- Complete a minimum of 20 hours of observation in a physical therapy department under the supervision of a licensed PT or PTA. The hours must be in a minimum of two different physical therapy settings, 10 hours at each site. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact a physical therapy department to arrange for this observation. It is advisable to begin your observation experiences as soon as possible to ensure this career path is the most appropriate for you.
- The following courses, or equivalent courses from other regionally accredited colleges, must be completed with a "C" grade or higher and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher:
  - o HLTH 1215 Medical Terminology for Health Professions
  - o BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I

**NOTE:** Students must meet one of these requirements to take BIOL 2210 Anatomy and Physiology I with a "C" or higher:

1. High school biology within last five years and high school chemistry.
2. High school biology within last five years and CHEM 1100 Elementary Chemistry
3. BIOL 1200 Fundamentals of Biology for the Health Technologies

Students are required to take the math placement test and be placed into MATH 1330 Statistics for the Health Sciences or higher or complete MATH 0850 Beginning Algebra with a "C" grade or higher. Students must also complete the following courses with at least a 2.0 overall GPA in order to qualify for admission into the PTA program:

- ENGL 1110 English Composition I (A) or ENGL 1111 English Composition I (B)
- FYEX 1000 First Year Experience
- PSYC 1500 Introduction to Psychology
- HLTH 1500 Ethics and Legal Issues for Health Professionals

Students will apply to the PTA program upon completion of the prerequisite courses and placement will occur on a rolling-admissions, space available basis.

## Option 3: Advanced Education Option

Students pursuing this option must have an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing or Allied Health, Associate of Science degree, or a bachelor's degree to be waived from the preadmission testing. All other Option 2 requirements apply.

***All students enrolled in the PTA or allied health program/certificate must complete a criminal background check. In accordance with clinical site requirements, students with a criminal record maybe ineligible to participate in a clinical course/rotation/practicum resulting in ineligibility to complete the PTA program. Delays, for any reason, in obtaining background results may cause an interruption in course sequence and/or inability to complete program requirements. Additional background screening may be required. Drug testing is required in accordance with clinical affiliation requirements.***

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