

Applicant Name (include on all pages): \_\_\_\_\_

**Green River College**

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program Student Application 2023**

**APPLICANT NAME (last, first, MI):** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRC student ID number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRC email (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate/personal email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY- MUST BE COMPLETE/submit the following items**

\_\_\_\_\_ Apply to Green River College: <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/getting-started/>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit request for all official transcripts from previous institutions be sent to GRC (Office of the Registrar / Green River College) (Office of the Registrar / Green River College / 12401 SE 320TH ST / AUBURN / WA / 98092-3622)

<https://www.greenriver.edu/otr/transcripts/transcript-evaluation/>

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete Transcript Evaluation Request (TER) and submit to the Office of the Registrar as directed on the form.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Personal health insurance: Provide a copy of most current medical insurance card.

\_\_\_\_\_ Application must include photocopies of unofficial transcripts for review until official transcripts are received and evaluated to determine if PTA program pre-requisites have been fulfilled.

\_\_\_\_\_ Include color copy of valid photo ID that includes driver's license or any state-issued photo ID.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete the PTA Application Essential Functions Acknowledgment. Refer to page 5.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit a one-page resume.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit a one-page essay Refer to page 6.

\_\_\_\_\_ PTA experience/Job Shadowing: As/If you are able , please submit a record of any hours of job shadowing in various physical therapy settings (home health, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehab center, school, etc.). Submit the PT/PTA Recommendation form for each setting. Refer to pages 7-8. If you attempted to obtain job shadow hours but were denied, please provide a list of the facilities that you contacted. If you are not able to obtain any in person experience, please interview a

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PT or PTA and include that interview in your application. You should ask the clinicians what they enjoy most about their career as a PT or PTA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Letters of recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from a professional experience. This can be from an employer, a PT/PTA who has observed you in the physical therapy setting, an instructor/professor, or from the professional job shadow experience. These should not be completed by a family member or personal friend. These can be directly submitted to: Sandra Mathews, Health Occupations Admissions & Credentials Evaluator / Records or email to: [SMATHEWS@GREENRIVER.EDU](mailto:SMATHEWS@GREENRIVER.EDU) Refer to pages 7-8.

**Complete Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on 4/06/2023.**

Applicants will be notified of decisions regarding acceptance into the program during the week of **5/15/2023**. There will be an orientation session for those accepted into the program with a tentative date of **June 13th**. Admitted students will be notified of the specifics for this orientation at a later date.

The notification will be done through email. Some applicants may only receive conditional acceptance if there is a prerequisite course in progress.

Submit all materials electronically with the secure document upload:

<https://www.greenriver.edu/upload/>

select "health occupations admission"

<https://greenrivergrc.app.box.com/f/a5f5443d9d2f452b97304aab84a921aa>

Submit with attached PDFs, do not use photographs or photocopies.

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**Prerequisite courses**

Applicants must complete the following prerequisites. Only one course may be in progress or pending during the spring quarter. Applicants must have a minimum grade of a 2.5 (B-) in each prerequisite.

Course Title	Green River Course Specific Information		
English Composition	Engl& 101	No Expiration date	
Speech Communication	CMST 100 or CMST& 210 or CMST& 220 & or CMST 230& or CMST 238	No Expiration date	
Math	Math& 107, Math& 146, Math& 141, Math& 142, Math& 151, Math& 152, Math& 153, Math& 171	No Expiration date	
AP/BIO *	Choose from the following sequences: # **The two quarter sequence of AP 103 & 104 OR BIOL 241& 242 must be taken at the same level and from the same college Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 ** AP 103 Completed within 7 years from the date of application Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 ** AP 104	Completed within 7 years from the date of application	

\*Other schools may offer the BIOL 241 & 242 series, and this series is intended for students interested in pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree Anatomy and Physiology 1\*\* BIOL& 241 Completed within 7 years from the date of application Anatomy and Physiology 2\*\* BIOL& 242 Completed within 7 years from the date of application # Central Washington University courses (EXSCI 350, EXSCI 350Lab, EXSCI 351 and EXSCI 351Lab) and Washington State University courses (KINES/MVTST 262 and KINES/MVTST 380) meet the AP 1 and AP 2 TA degree requirement at GRC.

**Scoring:** Applications will be evaluated for minimum eligibility and then ranked based on the four categories listed below.

1. Prerequisite GPA (40% of application score): One course may be in progress during the spring at the time of application.
2. Essay (20% of application score):
3. Job Shadowing Hours/letters of recommendation (30% of application score)
4. Resume (10% of application score): Submit a one-page resume.

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Please complete and submit the following:

By indicating below, I verify that this application packet for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accurate and is complete to the best of my knowledge. I at this moment authorize Green River College to perform criminal background checks, maintain the record(s) until I graduate or withdraw from the program, and share the information as requested by clinical sites. Any questionable things in my past can prevent me from completing clinical and therefore, without clinical I cannot complete this program. I understand that I may request a reasonable accommodation to meet the standards.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial) I activated my Green River student email and will be checking it regularly, or I will do so once I am issued a GRC email address.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check this box if you have previously applied to the PTA program within the past year

\_\_\_\_\_ Check this box if you have completed a bachelors degree or higher.

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I acknowledge that additional documentation may be required for PTA Program students to participate in clinical, which is required for completion of the PTA program. Documentation may include but is not limited to: • Tuberculosis screening, verification of required immunizations, and health insurance • Background Check, drug screen/test, and fingerprinting • Must be current Healthcare Provider BLS card certified by the American Heart Association • HIPAA Training (included in PTA coursework) and auto insurance.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Green River Student ID (if issued): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Green River Email (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate/personal Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Accommodations** Candidates for the Physical Therapy are required to certify that these standards have been provided to them. Applicants who need accommodations to meet standards may request accommodations. Eligibility for accommodations is identified through the Disability Support Services office. Additional information about requesting accommodation is available at [greenriver.edu/DSS](http://greenriver.edu/DSS).

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**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE PTA** Becoming a physical therapist assistant requires the completion of an education program that is both intellectually and physically challenging. Each candidate in this Associate in Applied Science degree program should possess the following abilities and skills. The ability to meet these standards with or without reasonable accommodation does not guarantee employment upon graduation.

1. Demonstrate the ability to effectively articulate and interpret information to patients, family members, other health care professionals and third party payers as appropriate.
2. Recognize, interpret, and respond appropriately to the nonverbal behavior of self and others.
3. Demonstrate visual acuity and auditory ability to assess the condition of a patient and administer effective patient care in an efficient and professional manner.
4. Demonstrate manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, fine and gross motor skills and physical ability to perform functions as directed by the physical therapist and following skills outlined in section three of the Evaluative Criteria for the Accreditation of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Programs (see Program Director for more information).
5. Work in stressful situations that require quick thinking, effective communication and the simultaneous coordination of a variety of activities.
6. Demonstrate physical ability and communication skills to respond clearly and professionally to peers, patients, family members, including unexpected changes in the patient's status.
7. Demonstrate the physical ability to assist patients in ambulating, positioning in bed and transferring from the bed/mat, wheelchair, car, or other appropriate surfaces.
8. Demonstrate proper body mechanics for lifting. Lift objects more than 100 pounds with assistance with frequent lifting and /or carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more.
9. Maintain personal cleanliness and hygiene.
10. Tolerate prolonged standing, stooping, squatting, bending, pushing and pulling.
11. Demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently read, write, understand and speak (to diverse audiences) English.
12. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with internal and external customers.
13. Obtain all relevant vaccinations and medical testing/training in accordance with GRC and clinical requirements, including but not limited to immunizations, (flu, COVID-19), TB testing, drug testing , CPR training.

Graduates who are unable to perform these functions, with or without reasonable accommodations, may be unsafe and unsuccessful as a GRC PTA program student. Please sign below and return it with the application packet. It is a required part of a complete application packet. I understand the essential functions described above and I am able to meet these expected actions.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Green River Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**ESSAY:** Complete a comprehensive essay outlining significant aspects of what is leading you to pursue an education in order to become a physical therapist assistant. You may choose to include information about your background, what has shaped your life, or any extenuating circumstances relative to your application, such as reasons for a low GPA during a particular quarter/semester.

How do you see yourself and profession of physical therapy serving the community? How have you been prepared to work with a diverse patient population in the health care setting? How do your values and beliefs align with diversity, inclusion and equity within the community?

Please touch on the following points:

**Academic Experience and Interests:** Connect your academic experiences and interests to the program. You may also want to include personal qualities that make you a competitive candidate. What previous academic experience do you bring to the program? Be sure to back up those statements with specific examples that illustrate your skills.

**Extracurricular Experiences:** Highlight any leadership or team roles, work experience, academic project, skills or experiences you have acquired (work, training, certification, research, internship) that are worth mentioning. Write about how those experiences have developed your skills and interests. Relate those experiences to your goals.

**Career Goals:** What do you see yourself doing once you are a physical therapist assistant.

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JOB SHADOW FORM /PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS

**This Section to be completed by the Applicant**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's GRC Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

If job shadow hours have been completed:

Date Range of Shadowing/Volunteering: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Setting/Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant to initial) I waive the right to view this recommendation form in my file at Green River College.

**\*\*\*\*Please have the person providing the reference/recommendation email these 2 pages directly to [Smathews@greenriver.edu](mailto:Smathews@greenriver.edu) or print and mail to**

Sandra Mathews: Health Occupations Admissions & Credentials Evaluator / Records Office of the Registrar, Green River College  
12401 SE 320<sup>th</sup> St

Auburn, WA 98092

**Recommendation (This section to be completed by person providing reference)**

Name and title of person providing reference/recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing excellence and 1 representing unsatisfactory performance.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant arrives promptly and /or notifies supervisor if unable to attend experience at a prearranged time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's appearance is neat, clean, and appropriate for the professional setting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant demonstrates an interest in the physical therapy profession.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant asks questions and interacts verbally in an appropriate manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's non-verbal communication is pleasant and effective

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant demonstrates initiative to increase learning as appropriate

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant goes above and beyond duties/expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant works well as a member of a team.

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Please check one of the following.

Based on my supervision of or interaction with this applicant,

\_\_\_\_\_ I highly recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

\_\_\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy with reservations

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

Comments (comment below or attach a letter of reference):

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Name of Organization or description \_\_\_\_\_

Job title/relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Name, signature, and date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Transcript form EVALUATION REQUEST-**

If not all of the prerequisites were completed at Green River College or if transcripts have not been officially evaluated, then please fill out the information below along with completing and submitting the Transcript Evaluation Request (TER) FORM

<https://www.greenriver.edu/otr/transcripts/transcript-evaluation/>

Green River College does NOT evaluate faxed or previously opened transcripts. As we wait for the official transcripts, please attach the unofficial transcripts.

Request transcript by mail

Request official transcripts to be sent by mail, then please place the "Official Transcript" (sealed in the original envelope) in this application from all institutions or sent it to the office of the registrar.

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

Green River College

12401 SE 320th St. Auburn, WA. 98092-3622

Request transcript electronically: To send official transcripts electronically, request it to be sent to Office of the Registrar

List ALL institutions for transcript evaluation:

School Name	How was it Sent (email or electronically)	Date request made
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____