

Physical Therapist Assistant Student Application

Green River College

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ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY- MUST BE COMPLETE

___ Apply to Green River College: <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/getting-started/>. Once an application is submitted, a Green River Student identification (ID) number will be issued through the applicant's Green River email.

___ 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.

___ Resume: Submit a one-page resume

___ Essay: Submit a one-page (front and back) essay Refer to page 6.

___ Job Shadowing: Submit a minimum of 20 hours of job shadowing per setting for two different physical therapy settings. Competitive applicants will complete three different settings (home health, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehab center, school, etc.). Complete the PT/PTA Verification and Recommendation form for each setting. Refer to page 7.

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

___ Submit official transcript(s) from every college or university that include prerequisites for the PTA program (except Green River College). Transcripts sent by mail must remain in the original sealed envelope unopened if mailed. Refer to pages 2-3.

Applications will be accepted beginning 3/06/2020 and must be received by 4:00 p.m. on 4/07/2020. (Must be in a sealed envelope & NO email applications will be accepted) Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program during the week of 5/11/2020. There will be an orientation session for those accepted into the program with a tentative date of 6/11/2020. Admitted students will be notified of the specifics for this orientation at a later date.

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

Mail or hand deliver the application in a 9 x 12-inch envelope to:

Green River College

Enrollment Services

c/o: Admission/ PTA Application

12401 SE 320th St.

Auburn, WA. 98092-3622

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 (50% of application score): After grades for any in-progress courses are received, the GPA for prerequisite courses will be calculated. One course may be in progress during the spring at the time of application.
2. Essay (20% of application score): Complete a one-page essay front and back. Refer to page 6.
3. Job Shadowing Hours(20% of application score): Submit a minimum of 20 hours of job shadowing per setting for two different physical therapy settings (home health, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehab center, pediatrics/school, etc.) for a minimum of 40 hours. Complete the PT/PTA Verification and Recommendation forms for each setting. Refer to pages 7-8.
4. Resume (10% of application score): Submit a one-page resume.

Please complete 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.

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

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 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: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Green River Email: _____ Phone: _____

Current 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.

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 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.
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 agility to respond to patient and family needs, 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.
9. Lift objects more than 100 pounds with assistance with frequent lifting and /or carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more.
10. Tolerate prolonged standing, stooping, squatting, bending, pushing and pulling.
11. Demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently read, write, understand and speak English.
12. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with internal and external customers.

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.

Name: _____ Green River Student ID: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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. 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. 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.

JOB SHADOW FORM

This Section to be completed by the Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's GRC Student ID: _____

Date Range of Shadowing/Volunteering: _____ to: _____

Number of Hours Completed _____

____ (initial) I waive the right to view this recommendation/verification form in my file at Green River College.

The next section is to be completed by the PTA/PT who supervised the applicant's job shadow, volunteer, or paid work experience. After completion, the form should be placed in a sealed envelope with the practitioner's signature across the seal. The completed form should then be submitted with the application packet. Practitioners are asked to attach a letter of recommendation or submit comments below.

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 clinical setting.

_____ Applicant demonstrates an interest in the physical therapy profession.

_____ Applicant asks questions appropriately.

_____ Applicant communicates effectively with staff and patients.

_____ Applicant demonstrates initiative to increase learning.

Based on my supervision of this individual, I:

_____ highly recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

_____ recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

_____ recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy with reservations

_____ do not recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

Comments:

Name of Organization _____

Check one PT: _____ or PTA : _____

Clinician's Printed Name _____

Email Address: _____

Select Setting: IP/Acute; Outpatient Ortho; ECF/SNF, pediatrics, neuro rehab, home health, other

Other I verify that the above applicant has completed hours of job shadow/ volunteer/ paid work experience

Signature and Date

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.

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 Enrollment Services

Green River College
Enrollment Services c/o: Admission/PTA Application
12401 SE 320th St. Auburn, WA. 98092-3622

Request transcript electronically: To send official transcripts electronically, request it to be sent to Enrollment Services

List ALL institutions for transcript evaluation:

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