



## **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

Thank you for your interest in Green River College's PTA program! The PTA program starts once a year in the fall. This is a full-time program (classes take place any time between 7am and 5 pm) and takes two years to complete. During the last quarter of the curriculum, students will be placed in full-time clinical rotations (40 hours a week).

### **PTA PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS**

<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	<b>More information</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 1 (AP 103 or BIOL& 241) *	(5) Credit course. Minimum GPA Required: 2.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 2 (AP 104 or BIOL& 242) *	(5) Credit course. Minimum GPA Required: 2.5
<input type="checkbox"/> English Composition (ENGL&101)	(5) Credit course. Minimum GPA Required: 2.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications course (CMST 100, or &210, or &220, or &230, or &238)	(5) Credit course. Minimum GPA Required: 2.5. Only 1 communications course is needed
<input type="checkbox"/> College Level Math Course (Any college level math course excluding technical math) *Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) courses have a 7 year expiration date. In order to take AP 103, students need to be eligible for English& 101. AP 103 does not transfer. In order to take BIOL& 241, students need to complete Bio 160 (general Biology). BIOL& 241 and BIOL& 242 are transferrable. *A&P Courses have to be taken in sequence at the same institution.	(5) Credit course. Minimum GPA Required: 2.5 Any of these courses will satisfy the requirement: Math 106, Math 107, Math 146, Math 141, Math 142, Math 151, Math 152, Math 153, Math 171. For a complete list, contact the Health Occupations Advisor.

- ✓Applications open middle of March and are due middle of April every year
- ✓All courses need to be completed with a minimum grade of 2.5
- ✓One prerequisite course may be in progress at the time of application

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

- Complete all prerequisites with a minimum grade of 2.5
- Complete a minimum of 20 or more hours of job shadowing in at least 2 different physical therapy settings.  
\*It is strongly recommended applicants complete at least 20 hours in EACH of three different settings (outpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehab center, schools, etc.)
- If you have taken courses or completed a degree at a different institution, send your official transcripts to enrollment services AND fill out a [Transcript Evaluation Request form](#). (If you do not fill out this form, your transcript will not be evaluated). Students with international transcripts need to first evaluate their transcript through a third party evaluator (check [www.fis-web.com](http://www.fis-web.com) for a list of approved accreditors)
- Essay (see application for prompt)
- Resume
- Activate your Green River email address and **check once a week**. Note: All admission decisions will be sent to your Green River email address.

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## **GETTING STARTED AT GREEN RIVER**

### **Have you taken college credit courses?**

1. Apply to Green River College and obtain your student ID number : [greenriver.edu/applynow](http://greenriver.edu/applynow)
2. Send us official transcripts:
  - Request official transcripts to be sent to Green River College
  - Send a Transcript Evaluation Request form to Enrollment Services:<http://www.greenriver.edu/Documents/student-affairs/enrollment-services/transcript-evaluation-request.pdf>
3. Review the PTA Info Sheet and Website  
<http://www.greenriver.edu/academics/areas-of-study/details/physical-therapist-assistant.htm>
4. Attend an Information Session  
Information Sessions are highly preferred for students to attend. They are the best way for students to get information about the application process and preparation for the PTA program.
  - Information Sessions are listed on the program site:  
<http://www.greenriver.edu/academics/areas-of-study/details/physical-therapist-assistant.htm>If you don't see any sessions listed, please contact [healthoccadmissions@greenriver.edu](mailto:healthoccadmissions@greenriver.edu)
5. Meet with a Getting Started Specialist to review placement or transcripts (if you took courses at another institution) and get entry codes to register for classes. To meet with a Getting Started Specialist, you can drop-in at the Career & Advising Center, located in SA 104.
6. Complete the PTA prerequisite courses
7. Seek out Job Shadow opportunities and complete your hours
8. Apply to the PTA program!

Applications can be found online. Completed applications will need to be turned in to the Enrollment Services office.

### **Is this your first time attending college?**

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2. Review the PTA Info Sheet and Website  
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3. Attend an Information Session  
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  - Information Sessions are listed on the program site:  
<http://www.greenriver.edu/academics/areas-of-study/details/physical-therapist-assistant.htm>If you don't see any sessions listed, please contact [healthoccadmissions@greenriver.edu](mailto:healthoccadmissions@greenriver.edu)
4. In order to take classes, you will need to take a Placement test to determine your math and English eligibility. Green River offers a variety of placement options: visit [www.greenriver.edu/placement](http://www.greenriver.edu/placement) For questions about placement call the Welcome Desk at (253) 333-6000
5. Register for Classes: In order to register for classes, you need to attend the Student Orientation to Advising and Registration: [greenriver.edu/SOAR](http://greenriver.edu/SOAR) or [greenriver.edu/SOAR](http://greenriver.edu/SOAR) or contact Career & Advising Center: 253.833.9111, ext. 2641
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