



**BLINN
COLLEGE**

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application Packet

A Letter from our Program Director

Dear Physical Therapist Assistant Program Candidate:

Thank you for inquiring about the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program. Enclosed you will find program information, including the admission requirements, and an admission application for the PTA Program at the Bryan Campus of Blinn College.

The PTA program begins in the fall semester each year, and is designed to be completed in two years. Although many students take their general education courses toward their degree prior to admission, sequencing of the physical therapist assistant classes will still require two years to complete the program.

If you wish to be considered for admission into the program, you must submit evidence of meeting all of the admission requirements. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all admission information has been received at the Blinn College PTA Program office, and that their admissions file is complete.

It is recommended that all interested applicants schedule an appointment with the program director or secretary, who will answer any questions about the application process, the Physical Therapy profession, the Blinn College PTA Program, and course scheduling options. Please call 979-209-7284 or e-mail Darlene.Douglas@blinn.edu to set up an appointment.

Best wishes in the pursuit of a rewarding career in Physical Therapy through the PTA program at Blinn College.

Sincerely,

Christy Gantt, DPT, PT
Program Director

Admission Process

The following are requirements for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. All of these requirements must be fulfilled and evidence of their completion must be submitted. Failure to submit evidence of fulfilling ALL admission requirements will exclude applicant's consideration for admission.

- Complete all admission requirements and be admitted to Blinn College and send evidence of THEA completion or exemption. All developmental classes must be completed prior to admission to the program.
- Send official transcripts to: a) Blinn College Admissions Office, and b) the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Office. Current Blinn College students may provide a current student data form. Transfer students may bring a transcript evaluation from the Blinn College admissions office.
- Arrange for an appointment with the Community Partnership Facilitator (Ashley Kelley – 979-209-7554) to establish a file for general academic guidance.
- Submit a completed PTA Program Application for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Please note that admission to the PTA Program is a separate process from admission to Blinn College and requires a separate application.
- Include an official passport-type photograph taken recently with your application.
- Take the Health Occupational Basic Entrance Test (HOBET) administered by the Center for Student Development. Call 979-209-7250 to make an appointment.
- Submit the Documentation of Experience Form included in the application packet for physical therapy work or volunteer hours verified by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. A minimum of 20 hours of work or volunteer experience is required; it is recommended that a combined minimum of 60 hours volunteer/work hours which will be obtained with 3 separate disciplines to include a minimum of 20 hours at each (i.e. acute

care, rehab, outpatient, etc.). It is the applicant's responsibility to contact a physical therapist department to arrange for this observation of physical therapy. Most physical therapy departments are accustomed to student volunteers and will help you in obtaining these observation hours. It is advisable to start your physical therapy experience as soon as possible to be sure you are making the correct career choice for yourself. Please note, volunteer hours will not be accepted if more than two years old. Applicants will waive the right to review the completed volunteer form in order to afford an unbiased evaluation by the supervising therapist.

- Submit all completed application (official transcripts, HOBET scores and experience forms) to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program office by **March 1**.

Students may enhance their application by evidence of completion of general education courses, providing letters of recommendation, completion of a post-secondary degree, certifications (such as CPR), and evidence of community service. For admission, a minimum 2.5 grade point average is recommended, and student must have at least a "C" in all academic courses required in the program. Selection is based on how each applicant compares with others in the applicant pool. The top applicants will be selected for interviews to determine acceptance into the program.

Final selection for the program is determined by the Blinn Program Director and faculty based on consideration of all components of the application process.

BLINN COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT CURRICULUM
Associate of Applied Science Degree

Summer Semester I (Su I & II)*	7
<i>BIOL 1406 – General Biology I (4)**</i>	
<i>ENGL 1301 – English Comp (3)</i>	
Fall Semester I	20
<i>BIOL 2401 – A&P I (4)</i>	
<i>Humanities, Literature, Language or Fine Arts Elective (3)</i>	
<i>HITT 1305 – Medical Terminology (3)</i>	
<i>PSYC 2301 – General Psychology (3)</i>	
<i>PTHA 1321 – Clinical Pathophysiology (3)</i>	
<i>PTHA 1409 – Intro to PT Practice (4)</i>	
Spring Semester I	17
<i>BIOL 2402 – A&P II (4)</i>	
<i>PTHA 1513 – Functional Anatomy (5)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2301 – Assessment Skills (3)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2509 – Therapeutic Exercise (5)</i>	
Summer Semester I & II	9
<i>PSYC 2314 – Life Span Growth & Development (3)</i>	
<i>PTHA 1431 – Physical Agents (4)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2205 – Clinical Neurology (2)</i>	
Fall Semester II	10
<i>PTHA 1266 – Clinical Practicum I (2)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2431 – Management of Neurologic Disorders (4)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2435 – Rehabilitation Techniques (4)</i>	
Spring Semester II	6
<i>PTHA 2239 – Professional Issues (2)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2266 – Clinical Practicum II (2)</i>	
<i>PTHA 2267 – Clinical Practicum III (2)</i>	
General Education Credits	27
PTHA Credits	42
TOTAL CREDITS	69

* Proof of Mathematics and Computer literacy must be indicated by THEA scores or prior transcripts

** Not required if transferring Anatomy and Physiology I & II into Blinn College but will have to show proof of another four hour academic course taken to meet credit hour requirements for degree.

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Is your Hepatitis B series complete? ___Yes ___No
 Progress? ___Yes ___No

In

EMPLOYMENT

(Begin with the most recent years or attach a resume.)

Name of employer Address City, State, Zip Code Phone Number	Employment Dates	Reason for Leaving
	From	
	To	
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MAY WE CONTACT YOUR PRESENT EMPLOYER?

Yes No

PLEASE LIST TWO CONTACTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name _____	Name _____
Relationship _____	Relationship _____
Telephone: (Home) _____	Telephone: (Home) _____
(Cell) _____ (Work) _____	(Cell) _____ (Work) _____

SIGNATURE

I certify that the information, provided in this application, is correct and complete. I understand that omission or falsification of information is grounds for exclusion and dismissal. If accepted into the program, I agree to meet all entrance requirements and to conform and abide by the letter and spirit of the rules, regulations, and procedures of Blinn College and this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please indicate the manner in which you found out about this program:

- Career Fair(s) Community Contact(s) Family Member
 High School Counselor Movie Advertisement(s) Healthcare Workers in Practice
 Television Advertisement(s) Recruiting Presentation @ Your High School
 Other _____

DOCUMENTATION OF EXPERIENCE FORM

To be completed by the applicant:

Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____ Date: _____

Under the provisions of the "Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974", you have the right to see recommendations for admission. Please choose the appropriate phrase and sign your name.

_____ I waive _____ I do not waive the right of access that I have to this form.

Applicant's signature _____

To be completed by the Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant:

Please complete as thoroughly as possible and return to: Blinn College, Physical Therapist Assistant Program
PO Box 6030, Bryan, TX 77805-6030

I verify that the applicant has (check one):

_____ volunteered at our facility _____ worked at our facility

Please fill in number of hours volunteered or months/years worked at facility

_____ number of hours/years

Please evaluate the applicant by placing a check in the column that most nearly represents your opinion. If you lack the knowledge to make a definite rating, please check "Inadequate Opportunity to Observe."

Area of Evaluation	Inadequate Opportunity to Observe	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Superior
Intellectual ability					
Ability to communicate					
Independent thinking					
Motivation					
Integrity					
Professional interest					
Cooperativeness					

If you had an opening at your facility, would you hire this person as a PTA? _____ yes _____ no

Please add any comments that might assist the department in assessment of the applicant's admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. If additional space is needed, attach a separate page.

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