Requirements for Acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant Program:

1. A completed admissions application for the program.
2. An official copy of the applicant’s high school transcript or GED, including date of graduation.
3. English Placement Test Results (Accuplacer) issued by CCRI through the Office of Advising & Counseling must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition I or the applicant must have completed ENGL 1005: Fundamentals of Writing with a grade of “C” or better. ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
4. Demonstrate competency in MATH 0500 through a standardized test (Accuplacer) with a score of 65 or better. If the score is below 65, the student must complete MATH 0500 and receive a B or better. They may not retake the Accuplacer Test before completing the course.
5. Completion of a standardized test (Accuplacer) issued by CCRI through the Office of Advising & Counseling is required. Competency of 75 or above is required for reading comprehension or completion of ENGL 0890: Critical Reading with a grade of “B” or better.
6. Completion of the following courses with a grade of “C” or better:
   - BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy
   - PHTA 1000: Introduction to the Physical Therapist Assistant
   - RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology for Rehabilitative Health
7. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or better for all college courses taken.

General Policies following acceptance

- Students will be required to have a criminal background check by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) through the College. In compliance with requirements for clinical agencies, anyone who has been convicted of a felony may be unable to attend clinical/field experience in those agencies. No incident or probation can have occurred in the past 5 years. Further, applicants convicted of a felony will need to comply with state licensure requirements from the Rhode Island Department of Health. For more information, contact specific Department Chairperson.
- Students must have a physical examination and required immunizations completed prior to beginning PHTA 1020: Physical Therapist Assistant II.
- Students must complete all general education requirements prior to taking PHTA 2010: Physical Therapist Assistant III.
- Current CPR card (American Heart Association, Health Care Provider Level) obtained through an American Heart Association recognized Community Training Center (course is available at CCRI, HEAL 0200).

PLEASE NOTE: REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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