Physical Therapist Assistant Program Associate Degree
Newport County Campus • Applications for Fall 2020-22 • PHTA
Program start date: Fall • Full-time day program

Admissions Guidelines

Minimum requirements to apply to the Physical Therapist Assistant program:

1. Complete a CCRI application for enrollment into General Studies with a Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant concentration.
2. Submit an official copy of your high school transcript or GED® transcript that includes your graduation date. If you hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university, submit an official copy of your college transcript that must indicate the degree awarded.
3. Completion of an Accuplacer test issued by CCRI's Department of Advising and Counseling or a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Students may retake the Accuplacer once before being required to complete a developmental course.
   ACCUPLACER
   - Reading Comprehension Requirement:
     - Score of at least 250 in Next Generation Accuplacer or 75 in the Classic Accuplacer is required in Reading Comprehension or ENGL 0890: Critical Reading or ENGL 0950: Integrated Critical Reading and Writing with a grade of "B-" or better.
   - Mathematics Requirement:
     - Demonstrate competency at MATH 1025 level by placing into MATH 1025 through the standardized placement test or complete MATH 0099 with a "C" or better. The following courses will substitute for MATH 1025: MATH 1200, 2110, 1139 ,1175, 1240, 1241, 1179, 1181, 2077, 2138, 2111, 2141, 21412, 2243. The highest grade earned in any of these courses will be calculated in the points system.
   - English Requirement:
     - English placement test must show readiness to take ENGL 1010: Composition Ior applicant must have completed ENGL 1005: College Writing with a grade of "C" or better.ENGL 1300 will not substitute for ENGL 1010.
4. Completion of RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology is recommended and may be considered in the performance-based acceptance process.
5. Completion of the following courses with a grade of "B-" or better (These courses are limited to two attempts.):
   BIOL 1010: Human Anatomy or BIOL 2201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (A&P1)
   PHTA 1000: Introduction to the Physical Therapist Assistant
   RHAB 1010: Medical Terminology for Rehabilitative Health
   Note: All attempts prior to Aug. 31, 2016, including transfers, are considered to be ONE attempt regardless of the number of times the class was taken.
6. A cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or better for all college courses taken.
7. Complete **Preadmission Degree Evaluation**.

> *The minimum requirements must be completed satisfactorily BEFORE submission of the Performance-Based Health Sciences application and do not guarantee acceptance to the program. Students declining acceptance into the program for the semester offered must resubmit a Performance-Based Health Sciences application for the program and meet the current admission requirements for the application period in which they reapply. Once accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the student must attend a mandatory orientation conducted by the Rehabilitative Health Department.*

8. Complete and submit **Performance-Based Health Sciences Application Form.** Please note the performance criteria located on the back of this form. The application and instructions can be found at http://www.ccri.edu/oes/admissions/index.html.

Technical standards: The physical activity level for the Physical Therapist Assistant is classified as "medium" by the Department of Labor in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles. Students must have the ability to perform essential physical skills and demonstrate the cognitive and behavioral skills or be able to perform them using compensatory techniques and/or adaptive devices. These essential skills can be found at http://www.ccri.edu/rehabhealth/phta/ess_skills.html.

Students are required to submit a background check when directed by notification from Enrollment Services. Final acceptance to the program is dependent on the results of the background check. Anyone convicted of a crime may be unable to attend clinical experiences that are required to complete the program.

General policies following acceptance
After being accepted and prior to beginning the program:
- ❑ Students must have a physical examination and required immunizations completed prior to starting the program.
- ❑ Students must have a 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).
- ❑ Students must complete all general education requirements prior to taking PHTA 2020: Physical Therapist Assistant IV.

For more information; visit www.ccri.edu/dean-hrs/admiss-docs.shtml
Contact Deborah Watson on the Newport County Campus at dwatson@ccri.edu.

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Please Note: requirements are subject to change.

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PHTA Program Admission Criteria Point System

The performance-based acceptance process is based on the performance indicators identified for the PTA program. A point system has been assigned to each of the performance criteria listed in the admissions information on the CCRI website.

The criteria will include:
- Prerequisite GPA consisting of grades from BIOL 1010 or BIOL 2201, PHTA 1000 and RHAB 1010
- Program GPA consisting of grades from BIOL 1020 or BIOL 2202, ENGL 1010, PSYC 2010, PSYC 2030, COMM 1100 and MATH 1025 (or other approved MATH course)
- Grades for required general education courses completed
- Grades in BIOL 1010 or BIOL 2201, RHAB 1010 and PHTA 1000 (prerequisite courses)
- Accuplacer Reading score

Average program and prerequisite GPA	**Points**
• Average GPA X 10	
(Example: 3.67 X 10 = 36.7)	Maximum 40

Grades in the prerequisite courses using the following scale:

A (94-100) = 40 points   B+ (87-89) = 33 points   C+ (77-79) = 23 points
A- (90-93) = 37 points   B (84-86) = 30 points   C (70-77) = 20 points
                         B- (80-83) = 27 points

•	Grade in BIOL 1010 or BIOL 2201 Grade points X 1.0	20-40 pts
•	Grade in RHAB 1010 Grade points X .75	15-30 pts
•	Grade in PHTA 1000 Grade points X .75	15-30 pts
		Maximum 100

Number of general education courses completed using the grading scale above.
Multiply grade earned in general education courses by .125.

Grade Point Scales

Gen Ed's	Points
A	5
A-	4.625
B+	4.125
B	3.75
B-	3.375
C+	2.875
C	2.5

•	ENGL 1010	2.5-5 pts
•	COMM 1100	2.5-5 pts
•	BIOL 1020 or BIOL 2202	2.5-5 pts
•	MATH 1025	2.5-5 pts
•	PSYC 2010	2.5-5 pts
•	PSYC 2030	2.5-5 pts
		Maximum 30

Reading score

Next Generation Score	Performance Points	Classic Score
263 – 268	28	87 - 91
269 - 274	30	92 - 96
275 – 280	32	97 - 101
281 – 286	34	102 - 107
287 – 292	36	108 - 112
293 – 298	38	113 - 117
299 – 300	40	118 - 120

- Classic Accuplacer score of 87 to 120 OR
  Next Generation Accuplacer score of 263 to 300 — 28-40 pts

  OR
  - Bachelor's degree or higher — 40

  OR
  - ENGL 0890 or ENGL 0950 Grade of A — 40

Maximum point total   **210 points**

In the event of a tie in the performance rating, students who have completed RHAB 1100: Foundational Kinesiology will receive preference over those who have not. In the event of a tie, grades will also be considered for the required general education courses that are completed. Students will receive points for grades in these courses using the scale used for the prerequisite courses.

Maximum tie-breaker points   **240 points**
- Grade in ENGL 1010, COMM 1100, BIOL 1020 or BIOL 2201, MATH 1025, PSYC 2010, PSYC 2030

Credits granted through AP, CLEP, challenge exams or assessment for prior learning will be recognized as satisfying course requirements and will be assigned points equivalent to a "B."

Please review the Rhode Island Department of Health website at www.health.ri.gov/licenses/healthcare/index.php to learn about licensing requirements for the health sciences professions.

Please Note: *A Social Security number is required to begin the licensing process for the health sciences professions.*