



Physical Therapist Assistant Program
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Application Information

In order to be considered for acceptance into the AAS Physical Therapist Assistant program, all application and required supplemental documents must be received no later than **Tuesday, September 11, 2023 at 11:59pm**.

Electronic applications and supplemental documentation in digital form, including letters of recommendation and clinical observation forms, must be received by the UAA Physical Therapist Assistant program no later than the application deadline for an anticipated Spring 2024 start. Use the application checklist to help ensure you have everything required for application submission. Incomplete applications will not be processed, and applicants will not be notified of incomplete applications or missing documentation.

Program Eligibility

To qualify as a candidate for the indicated year, applicants must:

- Be admitted as degree-seeking student at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).
- Students must have a "C" or better in all completed prerequisite courses or be in progress of all prerequisite coursework by the application deadline, with the exception of BIOL A111/L and BIOL A112/L, for which the minimum required grade is a 'B'. Unless otherwise approved by the PTA faculty advisor, all coursework must be documented on the UAA transcript on or before the application deadline.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 GPA in all coursework including all coursework from previous colleges and universities.

To qualify as a candidate for the indicated year, your complete application must contain the following:

- Completed and submitted Physical Therapist Assistant web application.
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Non-UAA College Attendance

Have you attended any colleges other than the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)? *

-- Please Select --

Work Experience

Have you ever been/are you currently employed in a medical/health care setting?

Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure Requirements

Please review the following information regarding licensure requirements.

State Boards of Physical Therapy have strict guidelines regarding a history of drug/alcohol abuse and prior criminal convictions. Students who have a history of drug/alcohol abuse, a criminal record or emotional/mental illness must disclose this information when applying for licensure/registration /certification and may be deemed ineligible by the State Board of PT for licensure/registration /certification.

The following questions are included in the licensure application:

1. Have you ever been disciplined by any state board or physical therapy association concerning violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act or unethical conduct?
2. Have you had a professional license denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted, conditioned, or limited or have you surrendered a professional license, been fined, placed on probation, reprimanded, disciplined, or entered into a settlement with a licensing authority in connection with a professional license you have held in any jurisdiction including Alaska and including that of any military authorities or is any such action pending?
3. Have you ever been denied the privilege of taking an examination before any state physical therapy board?

Essential Requirements

Essential Functions

Successful participation in the PTA Program requires the ability to perform essential functions (with or without reasonable accommodation), which are necessary for safe/ethical delivery of physical therapy. Applicants should consider their ability to complete the tasks below, with or without reasonable accommodation.

Reasonable accommodation refers to ways in which the university can assist students with disabilities to accomplish these tasks (for example, providing extra time to complete an examination or enhancing the sound system in a classroom). Reasonable accommodation does not mean that students with disabilities will be exempt from needing to demonstrate competency in certain tasks; it does mean that we will work with students with disabilities to determine whether there are ways that we can assist the student toward completion of the tasks.

Prospective students who indicate that they can complete these tasks (with or without reasonable accommodation) are not required to disclose the specifics of their disabilities prior to an admission decision. Prospective students who cannot complete these tasks with or without accommodations are ineligible for consideration for admission. If admitted, it is the responsibility of the student with a disability who wishes reasonable accommodation to request it through the Disability Support Services. An offer of admission may be withdrawn if it becomes apparent that the student cannot complete essential tasks (even with accommodation), that the accommodations needed are not reasonable and would cause undue hardship to the institution, or that fulfilling the functions would create a significant risk of harm to the health or safety of others.

Essential Functions for the PTA Student

Motor: The student must possess sufficient motor capabilities in order to provide safe and effective physical therapy procedures, including the ability to:

- Sit or stand for up to 8 hours a day
- Assist and protect patients who are walking, exercising, or performing other activities
- Adjust, move, position, and lift patients and equipment, which involves lifting, carrying, pulling and pushing weights up to and including 100 pounds
- Perform pushing, pulling, bending, twisting, reaching, standing, kneeling, sitting, walking, and crawling
- Palpate anatomical structures and handle injured body parts without causing injury to the patient
- Give manual resistance to a patient's limbs or trunk during treatment/exercise
- Move with adequate agility and speed to ensure patient safety. Walk and balance well enough to help patients walk and transfer with or without equipment, while preventing injury to patient and oneself
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- Recognize and respond appropriately to potentially hazardous situations
- Demonstrate the physical and emotional capacity to work a 40 hour work week while on clinical affiliation

* **I acknowledge that I have read the above Essential Requirements for acceptance into the UAA Physical Therapist Assistant Program.**

Application Checklist

Below is a list of application documents that must be received by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program for consideration as a PTA candidate. Please select all the support documentation that has been submitted to the department. If an item has yet to be submitted, please submit remaining support documentation no later than the application deadline.

Three (3) letters of recommendation must be completed by nonfamily members. Letters of recommendation are digital and must be received by the PTA program no later than **September 11, 2023 at 11:59pm**.

Please provide **current** emails for each of your three references below. References will be sent an email from DocuSign via the UAA PTA program with instructions on how to complete the digital letter of recommendation.

(If you would like an update on the status of your Letters of Recommendation, please contact your References directly. Let uaa_pta@alaska.edu know if your References do not receive a DocuSign email 24 hours after you have submitted your application.)

Letter of Recommendation #1 Reference's Email Address:

Letter of Recommendation #2 Reference's Email Address:

Letter of Recommendation #3 Reference's Email Address:

At least two (2) completed digital clinical observations using the form provided demonstrating a minimum of 30 hours of observation/work experience in two different clinical settings with a minimum of 15 hours in each e.g., outpatient, hospital, inpatient, home health, rehab center, or long-term care. Clinical observation forms must be received by the PTA program no later than **September 11, 2023 at 11:59pm**.

Access the correct form by clicking the "View/Print Clinical Observation Form" link on the [UAA PTA Application Procedure page](#) (we recommend that you right-click this link to open the page in a new window).

Clinical Observation 1:

Clinical Observation 2:

Upon acceptance, PTA candidates will be required to show proof of completion of the following:

- Initiation of all immunization requ /Sw< /Type /Layout >> BDC 2 156.3007 967 1247 re W n EMC BT /Fabc8 13 Tf 0 0 0 rg 1 0 0 ˆ