

**Physical Therapist Assistant Program**  
**Instructions for Observation Hours Requirement:**



The optional observation/volunteer/work hours requirement for application to the PTA program is 12 or more hours in an outpatient setting and 12 or more hours in an inpatient setting for a total of 24 hours of observing PTs or PTAs.

Hours that fulfill this requirement cannot be front-office or clerical work.

The intention of observation is to give candidates the opportunity to gain an awareness of the job requirements of the PTA.

Applicants who have submitted forms verifying observation/work experiences during a previous application year may use those hours in a subsequent application year. Previously submitted forms are kept in the applicant's file in the Health Science office and will expire after 3 years. If you have forms on file, please note this on your application.

Please choose one or more facility type from *each* column:

12 hours Inpatient Setting	12 hours Outpatient Setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hospital Unit (IRU)</li><li>• Skilled Nursing Facility</li><li>• Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (Adult or Pediatric*)</li><li>• Hospital (Pediatric* or Adult)</li><li>• Long Term Acute Care (LTAC)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orthopedic</li><li>• Sports</li><li>• Pediatric*</li><li>• Hippotherapy</li><li>• Aquatic Therapy</li><li>• Home</li><li>• School/Preschool*</li></ul>

\*It is not required that you observe in a pediatric setting. However, if you do, it can only be credited for one setting. The other must be at a facility that treats adults.

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