

# Physical Therapist Assistant

**Program Location:**

North Metro Campus

**Program Start:**

Program begins every Fall Semester

**STEP 1:** Prior to applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program, all prospective students must first apply via the website to the college, be admitted, and have a student ID number.

**STEP 2: View Program Video Session – Mandatory**

**Applicants must view the program video in order to submit the program application.** The video is located on our website by following these steps to reach the program page. Applications will be reviewed by end of the Spring Semester.

- Academics
- Health Sciences
- Therapy Professions
- Physical Therapist Assistant

**STEP 3:** Complete all required Pre-Admission Course Work:

**STEP 4:** Final Class Selection will take place in the months of June or July.

**Competitive Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission:**

Students seeking admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program must be fully admitted to the college with transcripts fully evaluated (for transfer credits) by the end of Spring Semester.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program has a competitive admission process. The selection criteria consist of Admission Points with a total value of **320 points**. See the Physical Therapist Assistant Admission Points Criteria sheet for additional information.

All students must have a GPA of **2.0** or higher in pre-requisite courses to be considered for program admission.

**Required Pre-Admission Course Work:**

Complete the following pre-admission courses with a grade of “C” or higher by **the end of the Spring Semester**. If a course is taken more than once, the attempt with the highest grade will be accepted.

Course	Course Name	Credit	Grade
<b>ENGL 1101</b>	Composition and Rhetoric	3	
<b>MATH 1111</b>	College Algebra*	3	
<b>BIOL 2113</b>	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	
<b>BIOL 2113L</b>	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	
<b>BIOL 2114</b>	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	
<b>BIOL 2114L</b>	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1	
<b>PSYC 1101</b>	Introductory Psychology	3	

*\*Trigonometry (MATH 1112), Pre-Calculus (MATH 1113) or Calculus I (MATH 1131) may be substituted for College Algebra.*

**Optional Course Work:**

This category is not required but can earn additional points towards application if completed by the **end of the Spring Semester**. Students may earn a maximum of 20 optional points from **one** of the following courses. If more than one course is completed, only the course with the highest grade will earn points.

Course	Course Name	Credit	Grade
<b>ALHS 1090</b>	Medical Terminology for Allied Health Sciences	2	
<b>COMM 1100</b>	Human Communication	3	
<b>SPCH 1101</b>	Public Speaking	3	

**Additional Required Courses:**

Students will be required to complete the following general educational courses with a grade of “C” or higher by **the end of Summer Semester**.

Course	Course Name	Credit	Grade
<b>General Elective*</b>		3	
<b>Humanities Elective**</b>		3	

*\*See Chatt Tech catalog or an Academic Advisor for general education elective courses.*

*\*\*Humanities Elective- Select one: ENGL 2110, ENGL 2130, HUMN 1101, ARTS 1101, MUSC 1101, MUSC 2040, THEA 1101*

### **Optional Observation Hours:**

This category is not required but can earn additional points towards application. Students may earn 20 optional points by completing 6 hours of observation in an Outpatient setting AND 6 hours in an Inpatient setting. See the Observation Verification Form on the program webpage for additional information and instructions to submit required documentation. All hours must be submitted on or before **the last day of the month of April** in order to receive extra points. Observation hours received after this date will not be accepted.

### **ATI TEAS (Version 7):**

The ATI TEAS is a standardized test that measures the student's ability in math, reading, grammar and science. A study guide and practice test can be purchased at [ATI](#). The ATI TEAS is available through the Chattahoochee Technical College's [Testing Center](#).

Take the ATI TEAS (Version 7) by the **last day of the month of April**, and achieve a minimum total adjusted **score of 70.00**. A student may take the ATI TEAS two (2) times in a calendar year and must wait a minimum of 30 calendar days in between attempts. The ATI TEAS score is valid for five years. **ATI TEAS test must be taken at a Chattahoochee Technical College campus**. TEAS Scores already on file with Health Sciences Admissions from last year's 2025 admit applications will be accepted even if not taken on campus.

### **Immunizations:**

Chattahoochee Technical College does not require vaccinations as criteria for admission and enrollment of students; however, immunizations are required for college health programs by our clinical partners. Students may not complete clinical rotations without meeting clinical site immunization requirements. All required vaccinations must be complete prior to starting clinical practice. Students completing internships or practicums in other majors must adhere to all job site vaccination guidelines. Clinical and job site requirements can and do change without notice or input from the College.

### **Academic Advisement:**

Students should email an Academic Advisor with questions about admission criteria or to schedule an advisement appointment. For a list of Academic Advisors visit the [Office of Advisement](#) webpage.

### **Final Class Selection:**

Final class selection is based upon the total number of Admission Points. The students with the highest point value will be accepted into the program. A mandatory program orientation date will be posted in the student's acceptance letter. All notification letters are emailed to Chatt Tech student email addresses. Once accepted, student program of study will be changed to Physical Therapist Assistant.

### **CPR:**

Once accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program, students must be certified in CPR for "Healthcare Providers" by the beginning of the Spring Semester of the following year.