



Physical Therapist Assistant Program
University of Alaska Anchorage
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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Application Information

To be considered for acceptance into the AAS Physical Therapist Assistant program, the application and required supplemental documents must be received no later than **Sunday, September 15th at 11:59 pm.**

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 2025 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.

If you have any questions about your application, please reach out to the program at uaa_pta@alaska.edu or 907-786-6792 prior to submitting.

Program Eligibility

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

- Be admitted as a degree-seeking student at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA).
- 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.
- Completed or in progress prerequisite coursework indicated on the UAA academic transcript.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation completed by non-family members and submitted digitally to the PTA program via DocuSign.
- At least two (2) completed digital clinical observation forms 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. Applicants must upload the completed observation forms to the online application.



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Student Information

Student Last Name: * Student First Name: * Middle Initial:

UA Student ID Number: * UAA Preferred Email Address: *

Preferred Telephone Number: *

Address: *

City: * State: * Zip: *

Communication from the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is sent to the email address above. If the email listed above is not your preferred email address, please see [these instructions](#) to set up email forwarding. If you have additional questions, please contact the UAA IT Services Call Center at (907) 786-4646 (M-F 7:00 am - 6:00 pm, Sun 10:00 am -2:00 p.m AKST)

Please acknowledge below that you are aware of this policy.

* I acknowledge that communications will be sent to the email above.

If you will be submitting documents and or/records under a previous name, please list the previous names that will appear on document (s)/record(s):

Previous Name(s):

Program Eligibility Verification

I am admitted as an undergraduate degree-seeking student at the University of Alaska Anchorage: *

What degree type are you currently admitted to at the University of Alaska Anchorage? *

What is your current academic major? *

I have completed or will complete all prerequisite coursework listed on the PTA program website prior to the start of the PTA program in the Spring 2025 semester.

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I have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above for all college coursework including non-UA institutions, completed at the time of application. The PTA program will be reviewing all transcripts received from other universities to determine the cumulative GPA.

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I received a "C" or better for all completed prerequisite coursework at the time of application, with the exception of BIOL A111/L and BIOL A112/L, for which the minimum required grade is a 'B'

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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?
4. Have you been convicted of a crime or are you currently charged with committing a crime? For purposes of this question, "crime" includes a misdemeanor, felony, or a military offense, including, but not limited to, driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI), driving without a license, reckless driving, or driving with a suspended or revoked license. "Convicted" includes having been found guilty by verdict of a judge or jury, having entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere or no contest, or having been given probation, a suspended imposition of sentence, or a fine.
5. Have you ever been convicted of a violation of federal or state narcotic laws?
6. Have you ever had any malpractice settlements or judgments paid on your behalf?
7. Do you use drugs or alcohol in any manner that impairs your ability to practice physical therapy competently and safely?
8. Are you currently suffering from any condition, mental or physical, that impairs your judgement or that would otherwise adversely affect your ability to practice physical therapy in a competent, ethical and professional manner?

A "yes" answer to one of the above questions does not necessarily mean that you will not be eligible for licensure. It is highly recommended that applicants with a "yes" answer to any of the above questions contact the State of Alaska Division of Occupational Licensing, Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy (907) 465-2580 to discuss the potential ramifications on their future eligibility for licensure.

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
- Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) using guidelines issued by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross
- Manipulate equipment including adjustment of dials, gauges, small nuts/bolts, and various equipment settings
- Move about in a clinical setting steadily throughout an 8-hour work day

Observational and Sensory: The student must possess sufficient sensory abilities in order to competently assess and monitor patients, including:

Sufficient visual ability to:

- Recognize and interpret facial expressions and body language
- Identify normal and abnormal postures and patterns of movement
- Read or set parameters on equipment
- Read small numbers / scales on goniometers, thermometers, sphygmomanometers, etc.
- Discriminate differences and changes in skin and soft tissue
- Recognize a patient's physiological status
- Assess a patient's environment

Sufficient auditory ability to:

- Recognize and respond to verbal communication, auditory timers and equipment alarms in an environment with a moderate level of background noise
- Effectively use devices for measurement of blood pressure, auscultation of heart and lung sounds

Communication: The student must possess sufficient ability to communicate effectively and competently in the English language with others using appropriate verbal and written methods, including the ability to:

- Read at a level of competency that allows him/her to safely perform the essential functions of an assignment
- Write in a legible manner
- Present information about physical therapy procedures and services to patients, family members, and other health care professionals
- Recognize, interpret, and respond to nonverbal behavior of self and others
- Interpret and communicate information regarding the status, safety, and rehabilitation of patients
- Record thoughts legibly and clearly for written assignments and tests
- Record/document patient care notes and communications in standard medical charts in hospital/ clinical settings in a timely manner and be consistent with the acceptable norms of the clinical settings.

Behavior: The student must possess sufficient ability to exercise good judgment, develop therapeutic relationships with patients and others, work in stressful situations, and tolerate close physical contact with patients and co-workers, including the ability to:

- Work with multiple patients and colleagues at the same time
- Work with others under stressful conditions
- Recognize and respond appropriately to individuals of all ages, genders and races, and from all socioeconomic, religious, and cultural backgrounds
- Act in the best interests of patients
- Behave in an ethically sound, competent, compassionate and professional manner in the classroom and clinic.

Critical Thinking: The student must possess sufficient ability to comprehend and process information in a timely manner, including the ability to:

- Collect and interpret data related to patients and physical therapy services
- Prioritize multiple tasks, process information, and make decisions
- Apply knowledge from education to the provision of physical therapy services
- Observe, measure, and interpret normal and abnormal patient responses to physical therapy interventions, and appropriately modify treatment interventions
- Act safely and ethically in the physical therapy lab and clinic
- Cope with the stress of heavy workloads, demanding patients and potentially life-threatening clinical situations

- 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 15, 2024 at 11:59pm**.

Please provide **current** email addresses 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 within 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 requirements as listed on the PTA program website.

Overview

The information I have provided on this application is accurate. I have read the information provided on the UAA Physical Therapist Assistant website, the UAA catalog, and this application. I understand that if any of the required application documents are not included in my application, my application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by Physical Therapist Assistant program selection committee.

Adding my electronic signature to this document signifies my understanding of the above statement.

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Signature _____ Date: _____