

Applicant Name (include on all pages): _____

Green River College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program Student Application 2024

APPLICANT NAME (last, first, MI): _____ **GRC student ID number (if assigned):** _____

GRC email (if assigned): _____ **Alternate/personal email:** _____

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY- complete or submit the following items

_____ Apply to Green River College: <https://www.greenriver.edu/students/academics/getting-started/>.

_____ Complete Transcript Evaluation Request (TER) and submit to the Office of the Registrar as directed on the form.

<https://www.greenriver.edu/otr/transcripts/transcript-evaluation/>

_____ Application must include photocopies of unofficial transcripts for review until official transcripts are received and evaluated to determine if PTA program pre-requisites have been fulfilled.

_____ Complete and return the PTA Application Essential Functions Acknowledgment. Refer to page 4.

_____ Submit a one-page resume. Refer to page 5

_____ Submit a one-page essay. Refer to page 5

_____ Letters of recommendation: Submit 2 letters of recommendation from a professional experience. This can be from an employer, a PT/PTA who has observed you in the physical therapy setting, an instructor/professor, or from a professional job shadow/volunteer experience. Have the person writing the letter submit directly to the program director at pkikillus@greenriver.edu Refer to pages 7-8.

Recommended (not required)

_____ PTA experience/Job Shadowing: **As/If you are able**, please submit a record of any hours of job shadowing in various physical therapy settings (home health, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, hospital, rehab center, school, etc.). Submit the PT/PTA Recommendation form for each setting. Refer to pages 7-8. If you attempted to obtain job shadow hours but were denied, please provide a list of the facilities that you contacted.

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Applicants will be notified via email of decisions regarding acceptance into the program during the month of submitting a completed application. Admitted students will be notified of the specifics for an orientation session at a later date.

If willing, please email the program director that your application was submitted.
pkikillus@greeneriver.edu

Submit all materials electronically with the secure document upload:

<https://www.greenriver.edu/upload/>

select "health occupations admission"

<https://greenrivergrc.app.box.com/f/a5f5443d9d2f452b97304aab84a921aa>

Submit with attached PDFs, do not use photographs or photocopies.

Please complete and submit the following:

____ (initial) I verify that this application packet for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is accurate and is complete to the best of my knowledge. I at this moment authorize Green River College to perform criminal background checks, maintain the record(s) until I graduate or withdraw from the program, and share the information as requested by clinical sites. Any questionable things in my past can prevent me from completing clinical and therefore, without clinical I cannot complete this program. I understand that I may request a reasonable accommodation to meet the standards.

____ (initial) I acknowledge that additional documentation may be required for PTA Program students to participate in clinical, which is required for completion of the PTA program. Documentation may include but is not limited to: • Tuberculosis screening, verification of required immunizations, and health insurance • Background Check, drug screen/test, and fingerprinting • Must be current Healthcare Provider BLS card certified by the American Heart Association • HIPAA Training (included in PTA coursework) and auto insurance.

____ Check this box if you have previously applied to the PTA program

____ Check this box if you have completed a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Accommodations Candidates for the Physical Therapy are required to certify that these standards have been provided to them. Applicants who need accommodations to meet standards may request accommodations. Eligibility for accommodations is identified through the Disability Support Services office. Additional information about requesting accommodation is available at greenriver.edu/DSS.

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Prerequisite courses

Applicants must complete the following prerequisites. Applicants must have a minimum grade of a 2.0 in each prerequisite/co requisite.

Course Title	Specific Information
Anatomy and Physiology	Anatomy and Physiology sequence such as AP 103/104 or BIO 241/242 or PTA program instructor permission for similar courses such as KINES/MVTST, EXSCI with lab or similar

Anatomy and Physiology courses must be completed by the start of PTA program courses in fall quarter. They may be in process or not yet completed at time of application. Admission decisions may not be finalized until A & P courses are successfully completed.

Co Requisite Courses

The following classes must be completed before graduation from the PTA program at GRC. They may be completed prior to the PTA program, or after admission to the program. Applicants must have a minimum grade of a 2.0 in each prerequisite/co requisite.

College level English

College level speech/communications

College level math course

Scoring: Applications will be evaluated for minimum eligibility and then ranked based on the four categories listed below.

1. Prerequisite GPA (40% of application score): One course may be in progress during the spring at the time of application.
2. Essay (20% of application score):
3. Job Shadowing Hours/letters of recommendation (30% of application score)
4. Resume (10% of application score): Submit a one-page resume.

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Please complete and submit the following:

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE PTA Becoming a physical therapist assistant requires the completion of an education program that is both intellectually and physically challenging. Each candidate in this Associate in Applied Science degree program should possess the following abilities and skills. The ability to meet these standards with or without reasonable accommodation does not guarantee employment upon graduation.

1. Demonstrate the ability to effectively articulate and interpret information to patients, family members, other health care professionals and third party payers as appropriate.
2. Recognize, interpret, and respond appropriately to the nonverbal behavior of self and others.
3. Demonstrate visual acuity and auditory ability to assess the condition of a patient and administer effective patient care in an efficient and professional manner.
4. Demonstrate manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, fine and gross motor skills and physical ability to perform functions as directed by the physical therapist and following skills outlined in section three of the Evaluative Criteria for the Accreditation of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Programs (see Program Director for more information).
5. Work in stressful situations that require quick thinking, effective communication and the simultaneous coordination of a variety of activities.
6. Demonstrate physical ability and communication skills to respond clearly and professionally to peers, patients, family members, including unexpected changes in the patient's status.
7. Demonstrate the physical ability to assist patients in ambulating, positioning in bed and transferring from the bed/mat, wheelchair, car, or other appropriate surfaces.
8. Demonstrate proper body mechanics for lifting. Lift objects more than 100 pounds with assistance with frequent lifting and /or carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more.
9. Maintain personal cleanliness and hygiene.
10. Tolerate prolonged standing, stooping, squatting, bending, pushing and pulling.
11. Demonstrate the ability to effectively and efficiently read, write, understand and speak (to diverse audiences) English.
12. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with internal and external customers.
13. Obtain all relevant vaccinations and medical testing/training in accordance with GRC and clinical requirements, including but not limited to immunizations, (flu, COVID-19), TB testing, drug testing , CPR training.

Graduates who are unable to perform these functions, with or without reasonable accommodations, may be unsafe and unsuccessful as a GRC PTA program student. Please sign below and return it with the application packet. It is a required part of a complete application packet. I understand the essential functions described above and I am able to meet these expected actions. Signature _____

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RESUME:

Submit a one page resume with your educational background, training and vocational experiences

Include any special skill sets and volunteer experiences.

ESSAY:

Submit an essay outlining significant aspects of what is leading you to pursue an education in order to become a physical therapist assistant. You may choose to include information about your background, what has shaped your life, or any extenuating circumstances relative to your application, such as reasons for a low GPA during a particular quarter/semester or gaps in your timeline.

How do you see yourself and profession of physical therapy serving the community? How have you been prepared to work with a diverse patient population in the health care setting? How do your values and beliefs align with diversity, inclusion and equity within the community?

Please touch on the following points:

Academic Experience and Interests: Connect your academic experiences and interests to the program. You may also want to include personal qualities that make you a competitive candidate. What previous academic experience do you bring to the program? Be sure to back up those statements with specific examples that illustrate your skills.

Extracurricular Experiences: Highlight any leadership or team roles, work experience, academic project, skills or experiences you have acquired (work, training, certification, research, internship) that are worth mentioning. Write about how those experiences have developed your skills and interests. Relate those experiences to your goals.

Career Goals: What do you see yourself doing once you are a physical therapist assistant.

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JOB SHADOW FORM /PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATIONS

*****Please have the person providing the reference/recommendation email these 2 pages directly to pkikillus@greenriver.edu**

This Section to be completed by the Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____

If job shadow hours have been completed:

Date Range of Shadowing/Volunteering: _____ to: _____

Approximate Number of Hours Completed _____

Location/Setting/Facility Name _____

_____ (applicant to initial) I waive the right to view this recommendation form in my file at Green River College.

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Recommendation (This section to be completed by person providing reference)

Name and title of person providing reference/recommendation _____

Organization/setting _____

Relationship to the applicant _____

Please rate the applicant on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing excellence and 1 representing unsatisfactory performance.

_____ Applicant arrives promptly and /or notifies supervisor if unable to attend experience at a prearranged time.

_____ Applicant's appearance is neat, clean, and appropriate for the professional setting.

_____ Applicant demonstrates an interest in the physical therapy profession.

_____ Applicant asks questions and interacts verbally in an appropriate manner.

_____ Applicant's non-verbal communication skills style

_____ Applicant demonstrates initiative to learn

_____ Applicant goes above and beyond duties/expectations.

_____ Applicant works well as a member of a team.

Please check one of the following. Based on my supervision of or interaction with this applicant,

_____ I highly recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

_____ I recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

_____ I recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy with reservations

_____ I do not recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

Comments (comment below or attach a letter of reference):
