

## Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) & Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

Entrance Requirements		Important Information	✓
<b>Clinical Job Shadow(s) and Admission Essay</b>		Job shadow forms and essay questions for each program are included below.	
<b>ATI-TEAS Exam</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be taken a total of three (3) times—original test session plus two (2) re-takes</li> <li>Each re-take includes all subtest scores and may only be taken after a 45-day waiting period</li> <li>Registration is completed in the <b>MYKV Student Portal</b> - Admissions tab, My Application</li> <li>Free preparatory sessions are offered @ the Learning Commons - <a href="mailto:lc@kvcc.me.edu">lc@kvcc.me.edu</a></li> </ul>			
Minimum Composite Score	61%		
Minimum Reading Score	71%		
Minimum Math Score	65%		
Minimum Science Score	51%		
Minimum English Score	62%		
<b>Academic Standing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students currently matriculated at KVCC must hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at the start of their first semester of program study.</li> <li>Students who are transferring must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at their previous school.</li> </ul>		
<b>OTA/PTA Program Orientation</b>			
Upon successful completion of the above entrance requirements, you will receive an acceptance letter. You are then required to attend an accepted student event scheduled in June. You will be notified of the date by the appropriate Department Chair. <b>Failure to attend this required accepted student event will jeopardize your admission status.</b>			
<b>Technology Requirements</b>			
All students are required to have their own laptop computers or similar device with the capability to access Brightspace or similar online learning resources. Students must also have access to high speed internet service.			

*For information regarding the admission process for this program, general information about the program or a tour of the campus, contact:*

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## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

### Job Shadowing

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1. Visit two (2) settings; one (1) from category A and one (1) from category B. (each job shadow must be at least four (4) hours long)
2. **OR** Document previous or current work experience in a PT Practice **AND** complete one (1) job shadow in a different setting.
3. **OR** If you are unable to obtain a job shadow placement due to current circumstances, you may watch the following three videos. If these videos are completed, please indicate that you have done so by placing a check mark next to each video. **In-person job shadows are preferred**

*Proper documentation is required from all job shadows and or work/volunteer experiences.*

PTA Program Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of PT/PTA shadowed: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Facility (Check one (1) from each category):

##### Category A

- Outpatient Physical Rehabilitation
- Pediatrics/Developmental Disabilities
- Private Practice

##### Category B

- Acute Care Hospital
- Home Health
- Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

##### Videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCfUVbnPfO8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyi9bHSPRr0>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVnluuSpFv8&feature=youtu.be>

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Printed Name of PT/PTA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of PT/PTA

\_\_\_\_\_  
# of hours

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### Admission Essay

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Fully answer the following four (4) questions. Attach this form to your typed essay questions responses and return to the Admissions Office, Kennebec Valley Community College, 92 Western Ave. Fairfield, ME 04937. Forms can also be emailed to [enrollment@kvcc.me.edu](mailto:enrollment@kvcc.me.edu)

1. Why have you chosen to pursue the career of Physical Therapist Assistant?
  2. Describe your understanding of the role of the Physical Therapist Assistant in the field of Physical Therapy?
  3. If you were able to complete two in-person job shadow experiences, address the following items:
    - a. Identify each facility and the Physical Therapist or Assistant that you shadowed. Describe what you observed during your job shadowing experiences. For each site, describe one treatment session you observed.
    - b. What did you learn about Physical Therapy from your job shadowing experiences that you may not have known before?
- OR**
4. If you watched the required videos rather than (2) in-person job shadow experiences, address the following items:
    - a. Identify what you observed in the videos. Was there one physical therapist or physical therapist assistant that motivated you to become a physical therapist assistant? If so, why?
    - b. What did you learn about Physical Therapy from watching the videos that you may not have known before?

### **Accreditation**

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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## Notice to Applicant

### **Criminal Background Checks**

Applicants to certain programs need to note that a criminal background check will likely be required while enrolled in the program or as a condition of employment in the field. Certain internship and/or practicum sites, such as health care facilities, may limit or deny clinical privileges to those students who have a prior or current criminal record.

- Should a clinical facility refuse to permit a student to complete a clinical rotation based upon the student's criminal background check, the student may not be able to complete the program. In the event a student is denied placement at a clinical site the college will likely be required to enter an academic dismissal from the program.
- Additionally, certain licensing and credentialing boards may refuse to issue a license to practice based upon prior or current criminal offense (s). To learn more about whether the program or profession in which you are interested has such requirements or limitations, contact the appropriate Department Chair.

### **Infectious Diseases**

Applicants who consider a career in Nursing or the Allied Health professions should be aware that during their education and subsequent employment, they will be working in situations where exposure to infectious diseases is probable. This is an occupational risk for all health care workers. Persons should not become health care workers unless they recognize and accept this risk. Proper education and strict adherence to well-established infection control guidelines, however, can reduce the risk to a minimum. Thorough education in infection control procedures is an integral part of each health care program.

### **Exposure to Latex**

Additionally, applicants should be aware that exposure to natural rubber latex (NRL) is likely. Individuals exposed to NRL products may develop allergic reactions such as skin rashes; hives; nasal, eyes, or sinus symptoms; and, rarely, shock.

### **Costs**

Costs associated with required immunizations, criminal background checks, finger printing (when applicable) and admission testing are the responsibility of the applicant.

### **Clinical/Fieldwork Placement**

Students may be scheduled for day, evening and night clinical/fieldwork experiences in some programs. It is expected that the student is able to make the necessary arrangements in order to complete all scheduled times. Placement is State-wide. The student is responsible for all travel and/or living related to the clinical or fieldwork experience.

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For more information, contact the Dean of Students at (207) 453-5019.