EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- **DSU student ID number**
  Must be a fully-admitted DSU student.

- **Receipt of non-refundable $25.00 application fee**
  Pay online at [http://dixie.edu/onlinepayments](http://dixie.edu/onlinepayments), select *All Other Payments*. Or pay in person at the Cashier’s Office located in the Holland Centennial Commons, first floor.

- **Minimum GPA of 2.7 in BIOL 2320/25, BIOL 2420/25, PTA 1010, and HLOC 1000 with no single grade below a ‘C.’** Prerequisite courses may be repeated only once.
  BIOL 2320/25 and BIOL 2420/25 must have been taken within the last 7 years.

- **Sealed official transcripts for prerequisite courses sent directly to the Health Science Advisor.**
  May include an unofficial transcript with application if currently enrolled in prerequisite courses during the spring semester. Upon completion of program prerequisites, an official transcript must be sent to the advisor within a week of grades being posted.

- **Job shadowing form verifying required 16 hours of physical therapy observation or job shadowing**
  Form is included in this packet; also available for download on the PTA program website under *Program Admissions*.

- **Results of the PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam**
  The Psychological Services Bureau Health Occupations Aptitude Exam (PSB-HOAE, or simply the PSB) is an aptitude exam used in the application process for the PTA program. This test can be taken at the DSU Professional Testing Center by appointment. The Professional Testing Center can be reached at 435.652.7667. This is a 2½-3 hour test with multiple sections, used to compare our applicants to other PTA applicants nationwide. The PSB is also used for other health science programs, so please indicate that you are taking it for the PTA program. When taking the PSB, make sure that all of the questions are answered in the time allotted to increase your score.

Please note, upon acceptance into the program, applicants will be required to pay for the following – see advisor for details (must also pay the necessary fees to collect this information):

- Criminal background check
- Immunizations and flu shot
- 10 panel drug/alcohol screen
WELCOME

Welcome to the Dixie State University (DSU) Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA) admissions process – if you’re filling out this form to apply for admission, you’ve come a long way! The following will help you understand the requirements for admission and guide you through the process. Do not hesitate to contact the program coordinator or the health science advisor with concerns or questions during the process.

Students are admitted into DSU’s PTA program without regard to gender, age, creed, ethnic origin, or marital status. Space in the program is limited; therefore, admission will be competitive, based on an objective point system that has been strategically set up to predict student success. We admit up to 16 new students into the program yearly. Students are accepted into a “cohort” – a group of students who start the program at the same time, enroll in and complete the same program courses, perform clinical education at the same time, and graduate together as a group. The program cannot be taken part-time – it is a full-time commitment.

Before applying to the program, individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program as well as the pressures involved in undertaking the responsibility of being a full-time PTA student. Any questions can be directed to Rachel Stewart, Academic Advisor for College of Health Sciences, 435.652.7695 or rachel.stewart@dixie.edu.

Thank you for your interest in Dixie State University and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Be sure to keep a copy of your completed application.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ABOVE REQUIREMENTS TO:

Dixie State University
Attn: Rachel Stewart
Human Performance Center, #321
225 South University Avenue
St. George, UT 84770

Applications can be hand-delivered to Rachel on the third floor of the Human Performance Center, room 321.

PLEASE NOTE:

For students accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program, there will be a mandatory program orientation held August 6-7, 2020 in Pine Valley, UT at the DSU cabin. Students are encouraged to stay overnight with their cohort, but not required. Orientation will run 8am – 6pm each day and cover program policies and expected behaviors, as well as an introduction to leadership and communication based on the book, The 7 Habits for Highly Successful College Students, by Sean Covey. This orientation will set the tone and expectations for students, faculty, and the program. All students accepted into the program are required to attend. More information regarding the orientation will be given upon acceptance to the program.
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## 3. Program Application Requirements

- I am a student in good standing.
- OR
- I am a transfer student and have completed the DSU admissions process.
- I have sent official transcripts to advisor or included an unofficial transcript if I am currently enrolled in program prerequisites.
- I have included results of my PSB HOAE.
- I have included confirmation of my 16 hours of physical therapy observation and/or work experience.
- I have included a receipt for the $25.00 application fee.

## 4. Educational History (post-high school)

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5. Program Prerequisite Courses

Be sure and include College or University name. Do NOT use MIDTERM grades. If currently enrolled, put 'IP' (In Progress) for your grade.

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Have you ever been admitted to, attended or completed any other PTA program?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

(If yes, you will need to submit the next page, “Prior Program Information” form.)

I do hereby certify that the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (print)  Signature  Date  DSU ID#
Dixie State University  
Physical Therapist Assistant Program

PRIOR PROGRAM INFORMATION FORM

(Only required if you have been admitted to, attended, or completed any other PTA program.)

Program: __________________________________________________________________________

Location: __________________________________________________________________________

Program Director: ___________________________________________________________________

May we contact the program concerning your status with the program?

☐ ☐ Yes ☐ ☐ No

What was the reason for not completing the program?
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

Are you eligible for re-admission into the program?

☐ ☐ Yes ☐ ☐ No

If not, why? _________________________________________________________________________

You will need a letter from the program on school letterhead stating:

• Why you are no longer in the program.
• Your status at the time of withdrawal/termination.

The letter must be mailed or emailed directly from the program to:

Dixie State University  
Physical Therapist Assistant Program  
Attn: Drew Wilcox, Program Director  
225 South University Avenue  
St George, UT 84770  
435.879.4861  
wilcox@dixie.edu

Applicant Name (print) Signature Date DSU ID#
LICENSURE

In order to be licensed as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the State of Utah, the licensure application must be in conformity with the State of Utah Physical Therapy Practice Act. Applicants who have been convicted of a felony, treated for mental illness or substance abuse should discuss their eligibility status for licensure with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. Acceptance and completion of the PTA program does not assure eligibility to take the PTA licensure examination. The State of Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing makes the final decision as to whether a license will be issued to practice in the State of Utah. If you have questions regarding this please contact the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, 160 East 300 South, PO Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741; phone number (801) 530-6628.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

FOR PERSONAL EFFORT AND COMMITMENT

The nature of the Dixie State University PTA program, as with most health education programs, requires a substantial time commitment to fulfill the intensive requirements of the program in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings. The PTA program faculty recognizes its responsibility as facilitators of your learning and is committed to helping you succeed in the program, should you be accepted. However, it is important that you are aware of the responsibilities you will hold for your own learning while in the program.

As part of your application to the program, please read the following and sign below. Your signature is an acknowledgement of your understanding of the expectations of the program, should you be accepted.

1. There is a minimal expectation of two hours of study per week for each credit enrolled. A three hour class will therefore require approximately 6 hours of study/preparation.

2. Clinical Education: there is a mandatory 15 week requirement for full-time clinical education. This will require travel outside of the local area for one or more of the clinical experiences. All expenses for this are the responsibility of the student.

3. You will be learning a “new language” in the first year of your program. You will also be exposed to in-depth, comprehensive physical therapy/health care concepts and principles that may require more effort on your part to learn and understand.

4. You are expected to be prepared for class, lab, and clinical. This may include extensive reading and/or other assignments prior to your attendance.

5. Most exams given in PTA courses are structured similarly to the PTA licensing exam. This means that most of the items on the exams are application, analysis, and synthesis type questions rather than simple knowledge and recall. These questions require a higher-order of thinking to answer correctly. We provide you with learning strategies and test-taking strategies that help you take course exams.

6. You will find the PTA program very different and much more difficult than your past educational experiences. The program is designed this way to facilitate the quality of the program, prepare you to pass your licensing exam, and ensure you become a safe and competent PTA.

7. Physical/Other Demands: Frequent lifting, pushing and pulling, and/or carrying of objects weighing up to 25 pounds. Walking, standing, bending, stooping and sitting for extended periods. Full use of gross and fine motor skills of upper extremities. Good verbal and written communication skills. Ability to use insight when utilizing equipment.

I certify that all of the statements in this application and all of the documents submitted with this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statements, and if I am accepted into Dixie State University's PTA program, I agree to organize my time and personal affairs in order to meet the commitment necessary to succeed. Finally, I understand the current accreditation status of PTA program and the ramifications thereof.

Applicant Name (print)  Signature  Date  DSU ID#
HEALTHCARE WORK HISTORY

In the spaces below, list only your employment in healthcare settings. Do not list any positions that are not patient-care related.

Note: Be prepared to provide proof of employment.

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*For example: PT Aide, CNA, COTA, LPN, Restorative Aide, etc.

Applicant Name (print)  Signature  Date  DSU ID#
Name of Applicant: ___________________________ Student ID: ___________________________

********** TO BE COMPLETED BY FACILITY **********

Name of Facility: ____________________________________________________________

Start Date: ___________________________ End Date: ____________________________

Total Hours Completed: __________________________

Duties/Comments: __________________________________________________________

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Supervisor: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

Physical Therapist Signature: ___________________________
Please Note: The following application scoring sheet is for your information ONLY.

DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Student Application Scoring Sheet

LAST: __________________________________________

FIRST: __________________________________________

SSN/SID: _________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________

CITY: ____________________________________________

STATE/ZIP: _______________________________________

PRIMARY PHONE: __________________________________

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PREREQ GPA  ________

OVERALL GPA  ________

APTITUDE EXAM: (12.5 POINTS)  _____ /12.5

- Students will be scored in 5 areas on the PSB test including: Academic Aptitude, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Info on Natural Sciences, and Vocational Adjustment Index.

  - In each category: 50-59th percentile = 0.5 pts; 60-69th percentile = 1 point; 70-79th percentile = 1.5 pts; 80-89th percentile = 2.0 pts; 90-100th percentile = 2.5 pts.

EXTRA POINTS (OPTIONAL):

PRIOR COLLEGE DEGREE:

- AA/AS - 1 point  _____ /3
- BA/BS - 2 points
- MA/MS/etc. - 3 points

HEALTHCARE WORK (must be direct patient care related):  _____ /5

- 1 Point: > 520 hours (equivalent 3 months full time, 6 months part time)
- 2 Points: > 1040 hours (equivalent 6 months full time, 1 year part time: 20 hrs/wk)
- 3 Points: > 2080 hours (equivalent 1 year full time, 2 years part time)
- 4 Points: > 4160 hours (equivalent 2 years full time)
- *Bonus Point: Worked directly in Physical Therapy

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (must be Healthcare related):  _____ /1

- 1 Point: > 100 hours

TOTAL SCORE  _____ /112.5