A Physical Therapist Assistant is a highly rewarding career that allows you to become a positive and invaluable influence in the lives of people with pain, disability and mobility issues. Helping patients attain or reclaim their hope and independence as they recover their ability to walk or carry out daily life activities can lead to a great feeling of personal satisfaction.

The PTA Program at GCC is an intense, academically challenging program that requires hard work and dedication. This in turn, makes GCC graduates highly desirable in the workforce. In less than two years, you will be well-prepared to take the national licensing exam and be able to work in any state.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Application Deadline: July 1st**

1. Complete a GCC APPLICATION for the upcoming fall semester, specifying PTA as the curriculum of choice at: [www.genesee.edu/admissions](http://www.genesee.edu/admissions).

2. Submit OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS with midterm grades of classes in progress and final transcripts when available.

Please send the following to the Admissions Office:
- Official high school transcript or a copy of your GED
- If you have Advanced Placement (AP), you need to request the scores to be sent to us from the College Board
- Official transcripts from any college that you have attended (if applicable)

3. Take the PLACEMENT TEST. Placement test scores are required for all of our new incoming and transfer students for placement into Reading, English and Math classes. Students who have ACT, SAT or High School Regents scores on file in the Admission’s office may be exempt from taking the College’s placement test. The ACCUPLACER placement test is free to students who complete their testing at a GCC campus. For more information, please contact the TESTING Center at (585) 343-0055 extension 6354 or any campus center for testing hours.

4. SUBMIT MANDATORY VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT FOR 20 HOURS in a Physical Therapy Clinic, with recommendation from a PT or PTA (Program Documentation Form & list of clinic sites available).
HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS PREREQUISITE COURSE OPTIONS

Acceptance into the PTA program is highly competitive. Only 30 students are selected to start the program every fall semester. Three spots are reserved for qualified High School applicants with the highest grades in the most difficult math/science courses. A high school student taking Level 1 prerequisites will need a higher grade than those who take Level 2 prerequisites. Level 2 prerequisites are more academically rigorous and help applicants develop a more competitive application than Level 1 prerequisites.

**LEVEL 1 (L1) vs LEVEL 2 (L2)**

### BIOLOGY PREREQUISITE:
- **L1** College credit for BIO 104 - taken either in Summer after Junior year (Genesee Promise Plus program) or during school year through ACE Program (Health Care Academy)
- **L1** Advanced Placement Biology Test through College Board: score of 4 or 5 only
- **L2** College credit for BIO 152 (requires BIO 104 prerequisite first; flexible schedule for taking college classes during school year, such as late afternoon classes at GCC)
- **L2** Advanced Placement Biology Test through College Board: score of 3 or higher
- **L2** Advanced Placement Physics Test through College Board: score of 4 or 5 only
- **L2** College credit for PHY 121 or higher

### CHEMISTRY -OR- PHYSICS PREREQUISITE:
- **L1** Chemistry Regents Exam grade (80s = B, 90s = A)
- **L1** Physics Regents Exam grade (80s = B, 90s = A)
- **L2** Advanced Placement Chemistry Test through College Board: score of 3 or higher
- **L2** Advanced Placement Physics Test through College Board: score of 4 or 5 only
- **L2** College credit for PHY 121 or higher

### MATH PREREQUISITE:
- **L1** Algebra 1 Regents Exam grade (80s = B, 90s = A)
- **L1** Math ACT score ≥ 18
- **L1** Accuplacer Math Score ≥ 68 (with Arithmetic Score ≥ 80)
- **L2** Algebra 2 & Trig. Regents Exam grade (80s = B, 90s = A)
- **L2** College transfer credit for MAT 136 or higher
- **L2** Advanced Placement Calculus Test through College Board: score of 4 or 5 only

WHERE DO PTAs WORK?

OUTPATIENT CLINICS OR OFFICES
HOSPITALS
REHABILITATION FACILITIES
NURSING HOMES
FITNESS CENTERS

SPORTS TRAINING FACILITIES
HOMES
PRESCHOOLS
SCHOOLS

OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Shadow a PTA Student for a day at GCC
- Send email request to:
Peggy Kerr
Professor/ Director of PTA Program
pckerr@genesee.edu

Attend a PTA Info Session at GCC
- To sign up, please call
Michelle MacKenzie:
(585) 343-0055 extension 6402

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT:

Shadow a PTA at a clinical health care facility

- You will find a form download at:
  www.genesee.edu/pta志愿form
- Submit volunteer documentation form to:
  PTA Office
  Genesee Community College
  One College Road, Batavia, NY  14020

Find out if PTA is the right career for you before you start paying tuition!