

Overview

Before You Turn in the Application

- Apply to Green River: www.greenriver.edu/future
- Complete the required prerequisite courses with a 2.3 (C+) or higher
- Submit all official transcripts for non-GRCC courses to Enrollment Services
- Submit [Transcript Evaluation Request](#) form to Enrollment Services if you submit official transcripts

What must be in your Application Packet (in this order)

- Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application Form (Pg. 5)
- PTA Application Essential Functions Acknowledgment (Pg. 7) (Pg. 1-4, 6: keep for your records)
- Signed Washington State Patrol clearance form (Pg. 8)
- Copy of valid photo ID
- One page résumé
- Essay of intent (instructions on Pg. 2)
- PTA Verification and Recommendation forms in sealed envelope from the facility (Pg. 9)*

Please Note

- Do not use **report covers** or **folders** – a staple will suffice
- Do not attempt to turn in documentation after submitting the application
- Do not turn application in before March 16, 2015 or after April 15, 2015

Application Requirements

Pre-requisite Courses

With the exception of AP 2, the following pre-requisite courses must be completed before applying. Candidates who have not completed AP 2 at the time of application are still permitted to apply, but the course must successfully be completed with a 2.3 or higher by July 1st, 2015.

Course Title	Green River Course Number	Specific Information
Anatomy & Physiology 1*	AP 103 <i>or</i> Biol& 241	Must have been completed after 8/31/2008.
Anatomy & Physiology 2*	AP 104 <i>or</i> Biol& 242	Must have been completed after 8/31/2008.
Communications	CMST 100 <i>or</i> &210 <i>or</i> &220 <i>or</i> &230 <i>or</i> 238	No expiration date
English Composition	Engl& 101	No expiration date
Mathematics	Any College Level Course in Mathematics	May also be met through eligibility for Math 072 and completion of Acomp 100N or T, or Bus E 110 or B A 145

**The two-quarter sequence of A&P should be taken at the same level (100 or 200) and from the same college or within the same Common Course sequence.*

Essential Functions

Applicants are expected to read the Essential Functions of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, and return the signature page along with the PTA application.

Background Check Forms

The Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a Washington State Patrol background check of each student to be in compliance with the Child/Adult Abuse Information Act (RCW 43.43.830-43.43.840).

Essay

Complete an essay, not to exceed one page (prefer word processed, standard font, 10 or 12 point), that explains your interest in becoming a PTA and articulates familiarity with the field.

Experience

A minimum of 20 hours of work, volunteer, or job shadow experience **in physical therapy** must be documented in writing on the Verification and Recommendation Form found at the end of this application.

In addition to the minimum 20 hours, the following may be considered:

- Additional work, volunteer, or job shadow in physical therapy
- Experience in more than one type of physical therapy environment (outpatient, skilled nursing, hospital, rehab center, school, etc.)
- Employment in a closely related field (nursing, athletic training, exercise physiology, massage)

We strongly encourage additional hours of experience in more than one physical therapy setting.

Application Completeness

Applicants assume responsibility for knowing and meeting all requirements. They are expected to read and understand the college catalog and PTA Department website (<http://www.instruction.greenriver.edu/PTA/>) for specific details regarding the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Other

If applicants have courses in progress that will be completed and posted on the transcript by the deadline, please turn in the application after these courses are complete. You should not be turning in additional paperwork after the application is submitted.

Application Process

Transfer Applicants

Students transferring from other colleges must first complete a Green River Community College admissions application online at www.greenriver.edu or at the Zgolinski Welcome Center. If transfer credits are to be considered, official transcripts and a [Transcript Evaluation Request](#) form must be submitted to Enrollment Services prior to applying. **Unofficial Transcripts must also be submitted with the application.**

All Applicants

Applicants will be evaluated based on academic preparation (completion of prerequisites and academic performance), demonstrated familiarity with physical therapy (experience in PT and closely related fields), the statement of interest (essay), and submission of a **complete** application packet per these directions. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

When the class is filled, qualified applicants will be placed on the alternate list. If admission is offered to an applicant who has not completed AP 2, the admission will be provisional until the course is completed satisfactorily by the date specified.

Applications should be submitted on or after **March 18, 2015** and on or before the printed deadline to:

GRCC Enrollment Services
C/O Physical Therapist Assistant Application
12401 SE 320th Street
Auburn, WA 98092

Submitted applications become the property of Green River Community College and materials will not be returned to the applicant.

Supporting Course (not required for application)

Human Development

This supporting course must be taken before completing the program. A student may fulfill this requirement with either **H Sci 150, Psyc& 200**, or an equivalent course. Students are advised to complete this course before entering the program if possible. Please be advised that H Sci 150 may not transfer to another institution, and registration for Psyc& 200 may require successful completion of a General Psychology course beforehand.



PTA Application Form

2015

Due April 15, 2015

1. Student Information:

Name: _____

Green River Student Number: _____

*(You **must** have a Green River Student Number in order to apply.)*

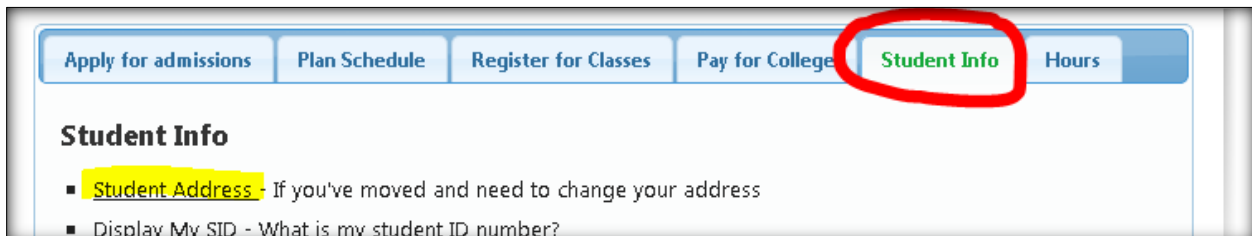
IMPORTANT! All communication will be done through your Green River student email. If Green River Community College elects to contact you through other means, it will be done using the contact information already on record.

2. Activate your Green River student email:

Go to [http://Green River.greenriver.edu/student-email](http://GreenRiver.greenriver.edu/student-email).

3. Check your contact information:

Go to <http://www.greenriver.edu/online-services.htm>. Select the "Student Info" tab and select "Student Address"



By signing below, I verify that:

1. My information for this application is accurate and complete as of this date.
2. I activated my Green River student email and will be checking it **regularly**.
3. I checked my contact information to ensure it is correct, and I will keep it up to date.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Essential Functions

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For the Physical Therapist Assistant Student

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. Demonstrate the ability to recognize, interpret, and respond to 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.
4. Demonstrate manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, fine and gross motor skills and tactile ability to perform functions as directed by the physical therapist and in accordance with 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 agility to respond to patient and family needs, 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.
9. Lift objects in excess of 100 pounds with assistance with frequent lifting and /or carrying objects weighing 50 pounds or more.
10. Tolerate prolonged standing, stooping, squatting, bending, pushing and pulling.
11. Demonstrate ability to read, write, understand and speak English.
12. Demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills with internal and external customers.

Graduates who are unable to perform these functions, with or without reasonable accommodations, may be unsafe and unsuccessful as a provider of physical therapy services.

Please sign and return the next page of the document to the admissions coordinator with the application packet. It is a required part of a complete application packet.

PTA APPLICATION

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please sign and return this portion of the document to the admissions coordinator with the application packet.

My signature acknowledges that I have reviewed the document “Essential Functions” for PTA students, am familiar with its content, and believe I am able to meet the standards. I understand that I may request reasonable accommodation in order to meet the standards.

Name (please print): _____

SID Number _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL
REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION
CHILD/ADULT ABUSE INFORMATION ACT
RCW 43.43.830 THROUGH 43.43.845

All students who will be placed in practicum education sites for Green River Community College's health occupation programs are requested to complete the below Washington State Patrol Abuse Clearance section. The purpose of this abuse clearance is to assure the safety and well-being of patients, clients and children who come into contact with students. Practicum education sites are expecting that GRCC students will not pose undue risks to the safety of patients/children.

The Washington State Patrol abuse clearance request is for the following: "Child/Adult Abuse Information: Response limited to convictions against children or other persons, dependency proceedings, abuse of vulnerable adults, and DOL disciplinary board final decisions and any subsequent criminal charges associated with the conduct that is the subject of the disciplinary board final decision". Please be aware that information on other felony and misdemeanor convictions may be reported from the state patrol office. This abuse clearance is used only for the purpose of practicum education placement determination and further dissemination or use of the record is prohibited.

As stated earlier, all students are **required** to complete this form. Any student choosing not to complete this process must be aware that the ability of faculty to arrange practicum education experiences will be severely restricted and in some instances impossible. A large number of facilities (all of them for nursing) require proof of this clearance before students are allowed to participate in any practicum activities.

I have read and understand this information about the Washington State Patrol Abuse Clearance.

Please attach a copy of your driver's license for identification verification.

 Student's Signature

 Date

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Name: _____
Last *First* *Middle*

Alias/Maiden Name: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/ 19____



Physical Therapist Assistant

Verification and Recommendation Form

This Section to be completed by Applicant

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

Date Range of Employment or Shadowing/Volunteering: _____ to: _____

Number of Hours Completed: _____

Check One:

I waive the right to view this recommendation/verification form in my file at Green River Community College.

I do not wish to waive this right; I wish to retain the right to view this letter in my file at Green River Community College if I am admitted into the PTA program.

The next section is to be completed by the practitioner who supervised the applicant's job shadow, volunteer, or paid work experience. After completion, the form should be placed in a **sealed envelope** with the practitioner's signature across the seal. The completed form should then be submitted with the application packet.

This Section to be completed by Practitioner

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 prearranged time.

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

_____ Applicant demonstrates interest in physical therapy profession.

_____ Applicant asks questions appropriately.

_____ Applicant communicates effectively with staff and patients.

_____ Applicant demonstrates initiative to increase learning.

Based on my supervision of this individual I:

_____ highly recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

_____ recommend this applicant for a career in physical therapy

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

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

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name _____

Discipline: PT PTA Other: _____

I verify that the above applicants has completed hours of job shadow/volunteer/paid work experience in the setting in which I work.