

Prospective PTA Students:

ACC's PTA program recognizes the obstacles to our application process the current COVID-19 situation has created. In response, the Fall 2020 application process has been modified as follows:

Students given an option of pass/fail at their institution are preferred to decline that option for all **prerequisite and general education** courses. However, due to the uniqueness of the current circumstances, pass/fail or credit/no credit courses taken this semester will be accepted.

Applications will be accepted without Accuplacer scores. Any applicant who does not submit Accuplacer scores who is offered a position in our Fall 2020 cohort will receive a conditional acceptance until such time qualifying Accuplacer scores are received.

Applications will be accepted without the 30 hours of visitation documented. Similarly, if you have been unable to arrange visitations in 2 different practice settings, any hours completed will receive credit. The purpose of visitation hours is to ensure the applicant is aware of the role of physical therapy and physical therapist assistants in various practice settings. Consequently, if you have been unable to schedule visitations, please use online resources to discover physical therapy. Below are several examples of websites and videos you might use.

Patient Stories at Move Forward PT

<https://www.choosept.com/WhyTherapy/Stories.aspx#.VIMPYNKrT-s>

PT for Brain Injury

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJIEwRPrI04> Brett's Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xjxs1OIOiE> Kyle's Story

PT for Stroke

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiyQz5_7MLw

PT for Total Joint Replacement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDgN-ywU1Jw>

PT for Low Back Pain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFpVHc5vtSY>

If you are using online resources for part of your visitation experiences, please include a short summary of no more than one page describing what resources you accessed and what you learned about physical therapy from those resources.

We are still hoping that students invited back to take the HSRT in June will be able to do so on campus. If this is not possible, that assessment will be proctored online.

If there is any other aspect of your application not mentioned here impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, please add a brief note explaining issue and submit your application by the deadline.

We are anticipating most applications will be mailed in this year. Any application postmarked by May 15th will be accepted. Please use the tracking options of the carrier you choose, as we may not be on campus on early May to confirm receipt of any items.

Thank you for your interest in our program and your perseverance and attention to your application.

Be well.

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