

**SCREENING APPLICATION PACKET**  
**Memorandum (Program Copy)**

**FROM:** PTA Program Director  
**TO:** Prospective PTA Students  
**SUBJECT:** Application to the PTA Program

Enclosed please find two copies of this Memorandum, two copies of the Notice to PTA Program Applicants, one program copy and one student copy, Screening Application for the PTA Program, and a policy on Student Background Checks.

The number of students admitted to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is limited and the admission process is competitive. No applicant is guaranteed admission. The faculty has the right to review any feedback received regarding the student's candidacy for admission. There are limited interview slots and interviews will be granted at the discretion of the PTA faculty. A minimum GPA of 3.00 for general education and prerequisite courses is currently required for a student to be eligible for an interview.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE 2025 – 2026 PTA PROGRAM YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS BY 4:00 PM ON MARCH 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025:

- a signed copy (including all four pages) of this Memorandum**
- a signed copy of the Notice to PTA Program Applicants**
- a completed Screening Application**
- Proof of Health Insurance Application**

courses with a grade of “incomplete” will not count toward meeting this requirement. For courses that you are currently enrolled in, you are responsible for getting proof of the final grade to the PTA Program prior to the meeting of the Selection Committee.

**Transfer students should apply to the college and have official transcripts sent to the Admissions Office as soon as possible to ensure that transfer courses are accepted by VSCC. Do not assume your transfer courses will be accepted. *\*No transfer course automatically meets the AHC 1100 and AHC 101 course requirements.***

**A grade of B or higher is required in the Math and Sciences courses (Math 1130 or Math 1710, BIOL 2010, BIOL 2020, AHC 1100 and AHC 115) to be considered for an invitation to interview.**

**Failure to follow these directions and correctly submit all required documentation will result in your application not being considered for the 2025 2026 class.**

**All documents must be received at the address on the Screening Application by 4:00 p.m. on March 20, 2025 or your application will not be considered.**

#### MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Health Sciences Degree/Certificate programs are academic programs of study which require completion of certain clinical or practicum experiences in order to successfully complete the academic program. The College’s clinical or practicum site partners require students to undergo criminal background checks, drug screens, or to

and locations. More than one drug screen may be required. Specific details regarding the background check and urine drug screen are given to students after successful completion of the BDC the >r.00

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- Proof of Health Insurance**, front and back copy of card or a letter stating health insurance will be obtained by **first day of class** if admitted. Our clinical facilities require that each student has health insurance.
- Proof of Pre-Acceptance Immunizations and Vaccinations** Students who are admitted in the program must provide documentation of the following on the **first day of class**.
  - One diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (Tdap) vaccination that has been obtained within the last ten years.
  - Influenza vaccination obtained in October of the interview year.
  - Documentation of blood test (serology, titers) showing immunity to MMR, varicella, or the Hepatitis B virus OR
    - Two doses of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine with each given at least 28 days apart.
    - Two doses of the varicella vaccine with each given at least 28 days apart.
    - Three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccine.
  - Mantoux tuberculin skin test (TST), TB Skin Test
  - Additional vaccinations or immunizations may be required by clinical affiliates throughout the program to include COVID-19 vaccines.
- From the Student Portal**, print your degree works audit which will include course substitutions that have been approved & noted on your account.

**Course substitutions:** after your official transcripts has been processed you may find courses that were not automatically approved. Please contact



and locations. More than one drug screen may be required. Specific details regarding the background check and urine drug screen are given to students after conditional acceptance into the program has been earned.

In order to comply with the clinical education affiliates, all students participating in clinical rotations must undergo a drug screen. The cost of this drug screen shall be absorbed by the student. Any student wishing to participate in clinical rotations may be required to undergo a urine drug screen as required by the clinical affiliate within the thirty (30) days preceding commencement of the clinical rotation. The drug screen due date will be provided to the students by the director of clinical education during the latter part of the fall semester. The site has the right to express an additional drug screen anytime during the externship.

The drug screen report must be sent by the agency to the College. Agencies conducting the check should be directed to forward the report electronically to

available to students graduating from the VSCC PTA Program is in April. Graduation from a Physical Therapist Assistant Program does not guarantee the right to practice.

The program has determined that its curriculum meets the state educational requirements for licensure or certification in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands secondary to its accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, based on the following:

*CAPTE accreditation of a physical therapist assistant program satisfies state educational requirements in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Thus, students graduating from CAPTE-accredited physical therapist assistant programs are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination and apply for licensure in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. For more information regarding state qualifications and licensure requirements, refer to the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy website at <https://www.fsbpt.org>*

Employment opportunities in Physical Therapy are dependent on federal and state policies and on the recognition of Physical Therapy by insurance companies. While the number of PTA positions open to new graduates has remained high over the last several years, no graduate is guaranteed employment.

**I certify that I have read and understand the above information.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A signed copy of this memorandum (PROGRAM COPY) must accompany your screening application.**

**Mail completed application to:**

VOLUNTEER STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Division of Health Sciences  
Physical Therapist Assistant Program  
1480 Nashville Pike, Bldg. 100, Room 101-B  
Gallatin, Tennessee 37066







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**2025 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

V number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address including City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

VSCC Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Other email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number where you can most often be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be notified in case of an emergency:      Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for admission to the 2025-2026 class of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. I realize admission is competitive and application does not guarantee admission. Since practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant is governed by the licensure regulations of each state, I recognize that graduation from the PTA Program does not guarantee the right to practice. If admitted, I agree to abide by all Program regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be accompanied by signed copies of the enclosed Memorandum, the Notice to PTA Program Applicants, plus proof of health insurance or a statement of willingness to obtain insurance.

**The completed application must be in the office of the PTA Program**

