GTCC
GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Fall 2027 Entry

Associate in Applied Science – 69 Credit Hours

Jamestown Campus

The Physical Therapist Assistant program has a selective admissions process. The cap for new student enrollment each fall semester is 24. This packet will outline minimum criteria, program coursework, and the application/selection process.

Please read the contents of this packet carefully and in its entirety as some requirements are time-sensitive.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

✓**Complete the GTCC General Admission/Readmission Process (new and returning students).**
- *Students currently enrolled at GTCC do not need to complete a new application for admission. These students will begin with the remaining steps and make sure the NC Residency is current.*
- *See page 2 for details on this requirement.*
- ***It is highly recommended to have this step completed by May 14th.***

✓**Complete the REQUIRED online Program Information Session by May 21st.**
- *See page 3 for instructions for accessing the session.*
- ***Sessions completed for previous admission cycles are NOT accepted.***

✓**Demonstrate "college readiness" for Mathematics.**
- *See page 3 to view options for meeting this requirement.*

✓**Complete the following PREREQUISITE general education courses with a grade of "C" or higher:**
- *BIO 168 – Anatomy & Physiology I (completed 2017 or later)*
- *PHY 110/110A – Conceptual Physics/Lab or PHY 151 College Physics*
- *PSY 150 – General Psychology*
- *ENG 111 – Writing & Inquiry*
- *Humanities/Fine Arts Elective*

✓**Complete the ATI TEAS Exam and achieve a minimum composite score of 66.**
- *Accepting ATI TEAS exam scores from **VERSION 7** only, from 2025 and later **(PRELIMINARY SCORES NOT ACCEPTED; THE OFFICIAL ATI TEAS SCORE IS REQUIRED)***
- ***Prior versions of the TEAS exam will not be accepted.***
- *See page 4 for information on scheduling an exam with the Testing Center.*

✓ **Submit the Fall 2027 Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application**
- *Program applications can be submitted **April 19th through May 28th.***
- *See page 4 for details on program application submission*

Note: Meeting all criteria listed above does not guarantee acceptance to the program. However, all criteria must be met to apply and be considered for selection.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM OUTLINE

General Education Courses

Prerequisite courses are in BOLD and must be completed prior to applying to the program.

The remaining courses may be taken prior to applying to the program to lighten the academic load and for possible award of ranking points.

BIO 168	**Anatomy & Physiology I** *(completed no later than 2017)*		**4 credits**
PHY 110/110A or PHY 151	**Conceptual Physics and Lab or College Physics**		**4 credits**
PSY 150	**General Psychology**		**3 credits**
ENG 111	**Writing & Inquiry**		**3 credits**
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	**Select from** GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses		**3 credits**
BIO 169	Anatomy & Physiology II (completed 2017 or later)		4 credits
Communication or English Course	COM 110 (Introduction to Communication), COM 120 (Introduction to Interpersonal Communication), COM 140 (Introduction to Intercultural Communication), COM 231 (Public Speaking), ENG 112 (Writing/Research in the Disciplines), ENG 113 (Writing/Literature Research) **or** ENG 114 (Professional Research and Reporting)		3 credits
		Total General Education Credits:	**24 credits**

Table 1 General Education Courses

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Courses

These courses are taken once accepted to the program.

Fall 2027		
PTA 110	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3 credits
PTA 125	Gross and Functional Anatomy	5 credits
PTA 135	Pathology	4 credits
Spring 2028		
PTA 145	Therapeutic Procedures	4 credits
PTA 215	Therapeutic Exercise	3 credits
PTA 222	Professional Interactions	2 credits
PTA 245	PTA Clinical III	4 credits
Summer 2028		
PTA 225	Introduction to Rehabilitation	4 credits
PTA 255	PTA Clinic IV	4 credits
Fall 2028		
PTA 212	Health Care/Resources	2 credits
PTA 235	Neurological Rehabilitation	5 credits
PTA 155	PTA Clinical I	2 credits
PTA 185	PTA Clinical II	3 credits
	Total PTA Course Credits:	**45 credits**
	TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE:	**69 credits**

Table 2 Physical Therapist Assistant Program Courses

GUIDED ENTRY ADMISSION PROCESS – GTCC HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAMS
MEET PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the GTCC General Admission Process (New and Returning Students)

- **New and returning GTCC students must complete the GTCC general admissions process, including the North Carolina Residency Determination Service (RDS).** To get started, visit the Admissions Office.
    - **Returning students=** students previously admitted to GTCC and have not been enrolled in courses for more than 12 months
- **Submit your official transcripts to the GTCC Admissions Office by email at transcripts@gtcc.edu.** Once received, transcripts are evaluated by GTCC's Admissions staff. Approved transfer credits will be added to your academic record in Student Planning. **All degrees from institutions outside of the United States require evaluation by an agency recognized by NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. (*Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all official transcripts have been received by GTCC's Admissions Department. Please visit the Transcripts Office to verify that your transcripts have been received.)***
    - **Please allow a minimum of TWO WEEKS for evaluation to occur.** This process takes longer near the beginning or end of a semester. Transfer credits from an Institutionally Accredited College or University **must** appear on your GTCC transcript in **Student Planning** to be eligible for program admission requirements and/or ranking points
- **Activate your GTCC Titan Account.** You should be able to do this within 3 to 5 business days of completing your GTCC Application.
- **Need help with this requirement?** For assistance with activating your GTCC Titan Account, you can contact Student Tech Support.

Complete the Required Online Program Information Session by 5pm, May 21st

Information Sessions completed for previous application cycles are not acceptable for purposes of meeting this requirement!

This session will provide you with a detailed overview of the program, faculty and student expectations, class schedules and clinical requirements, the minimum program admission requirements, submitting your program application, and the selection and notification process for the incoming class.

- **You must have an activated Titan account to access the information session.**
- Enroll yourself in the Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS: Guided Entry Program Information Session - 2027 *course*
- You must pass all three modules with a score of 100% to receive credit for completing this task and to access the program application. **Access to the module will close at 5pm on May 21st!**

Demonstrate College Readiness for Mathematics

You must be able to demonstrate that you have achieved the appropriate levels of college readiness in mathematics. The chart below shows options for meeting this requirement.

COLLEGE MATHEMATICS READINESS
❒ **Option 1:** You have completed or received transfer credit for one of the following -- MAT 143, MAT 152, MAT 171 (or a higher-level math).
❒ **Option 2:** You have completed or received waiver credit for all of the following: DMA 010, DMA 020, DMA 030, DMA 040, and DMA 050
❒ **Option 3:** You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 003 with a minimum grade of P2
❒ **Option 4:** You have completed or received waiver credit for one of the following: MAT 043, MAT 052, or MAT 071
❒ **Option 5:** An earned Associate or Bachelor's degree from an Institutionally Accredited College or University
❒ **Option 6:** Completion of placement test within the past 10 years and achievement of appropriate scores. If you took the placement test elsewhere, you MUST submit those scores to GTCC Admissions!
❒ **Option 7:** Graduate of a US high school within the last 10 years, with an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher
❒ **Option 8**: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 025 (**program of study requires MAT 143 or MAT 152**)
❒ **Option 9**: You have completed or received waiver credit for MAT 035 (**program of study requires MAT 121 or MAT 171**)

Table 3 College Mathematics Readiness

If you are unsure whether you meet this requirement, it is YOUR responsibility to speak with a Guided Entry Programs Advisor for clarification PRIOR TO submitting your Program Application.

Complete the Prerequisite Courses (BIO 168, PHY 110/110A or PHY 151, PSY 150, ENG 111, and Fine Arts/Humanities elective) with a "C" or better

These courses must be reflected on your unofficial transcript in Student Planning. All biology courses must be completed within the past 10 years (since 2017).

Complete the ATI TEAS Exam and Achieve a Minimum Composite Score of 66

You may schedule your ATI TEAS exam through the GTCC Assessment Center or an ATI-approved testing center. ***Your ATI TEAS exam scores must be VERSION 7 only from 2025 or later. PRELIMINARY SCORES ARE NOT ACCEPTED; the official ATI TEAS score is required)***

To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit the Assessment Center.

- **Resources for the ATI TEAS exam include:**
  - **GTCC's Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) offers NurseHub TEAS Preparation to help students strengthen their readiness for the TEAS exam. Contact CAE at 336-334-4822, ext. 50318 or email Center for Academic Engagement.**
  - For more information about the exam, study materials, and other testing locations, visit ATI Testing Information.
- To schedule an exam with the GTCC Assessment Center, visit the Assessment Center. For questions related to scheduling the exam at GTCC, please contact the Assessment Center (testingcenter@gtcc.edu or 336-334-4822, ext. 50574).
- **NOTE**: **Do not send exam scores to GTCC. You will be required to upload a copy of your exam score to your program application.**

SUBMITTING YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

Program Applications will be accepted April 19, 2027, through 5pm on May 28, 2027.

Once you have completed all of the program admission requirements, it's time to submit your program application. This will be completed electronically through the Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS: Guided Entry Program Information Session - 2027 course in Canvas. Once you have completed all three modules with a score of 100% the link for the application can be accessed starting April 19, 2027.

- Only one submission will be permitted for each applicant
- You will be required to upload a copy of your NA I Registry Listing
- You will be required to upload a copy of your ATI TEAS exam score; must include applicant's name, date of exam, total score, and Version 7 (**preliminary scores are not accepted; the official ATI TEAS score is required**)
- If applicable, you will upload documentation of other ranking criteria
- **It is critical that you check your Student Planning transcript to make sure all coursework is accounted for, including transfer credits. Ranking points will only be given for courses that are on record. It is your responsibility to ensure all official transcripts have been submitted to Admissions and processed for transfer credits.**
- Incomplete and/or ineligible applications will not be moved forward to the Selection Committee

  The Guided Entry Programs Office will not review program applications until after the April 19th deadline. It is important to make sure all requirements are met BEFORE submitting your application

PROGRAM APPLICANT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Ranking and Selection Process

Three to four weeks following the May 28th deadline, all program application submissions will be screened by Guided Entry Programs Staff to confirm all program admission requirements have been met.

Each applicant will be notified via GTCC email of the results of the screening and next steps:

- Program applications meeting all program admission requirements will move forward to the Selection Committee for the ranking review process.
- Applicants not meeting program admission requirements will not move forward to the Selection Committee for ranking review. Applicants will be advised on requirements needed to apply for the next program entry.

The next 2-3 weeks following the initial screening, the Health Sciences Review Committee (comprised of Health Sciences Program Directors and faculty, Dean of Health Sciences, and Guided Entry Programs Office Staff) will review all eligible applications.

Applicants are ranked using a points system and will be selected based on the total points earned (see below). Ties will be decided based on the following criteria: 1) The total points earned in the "General Education Courses" ranking section; 2) The ATI TEAS composite score; and 3) The date of the Guided Entry Program Application for the program of interest.

Notification Process

Final results will be sent electronically to the applicant's GTCC email address **approximately** 6 weeks after the application deadline – it is the applicant's responsibility to check this email account frequently to avoid missing important communications from GTCC.

- **Applicants offered a seat must accept or decline a program seat by submitting an Intent to Enroll Form within 4 calendar days of the date on the acceptance letter.** Failure to respond within the stated timeframe will result in the seat being offered to an alternate. Once a student declines a program seat, the decision may not be reversed.
- **Applicants have 7 business days from the date of the notification letter to contest the results of the selection process.** The request for a review of the results must be submitted in writing to the Associate Vice President of Instruction (Dr. Jeremy Bennett - jdbennett5@gtcc.edu). The Associate Vice President of Instruction will render a decision within 7-10 business days of receipt of the written request. **The Associate Vice President of Instruction's decision is final.**

CALCULATION OF POINTS FOR RANKING AND SELECTION

(NOTE: Courses that have received "Pass/Fail" or "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" grades will be considered equivalent to a "C".)

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	Points Awarded
REMEMBER: Courses in BOLD are prerequisites and are REQUIRED to be completed prior to applying	
BIO 168 Anatomy & Physiology I (completed since 2017)	**A = 8; B = 4**
PHY 110 - Conceptual Physics Lecture or PHY 151 – College Physics	**A = 4; B = 2**
PHY 110A - Conceptual Physics Lab or PHY 151 – College Physics	**A = 2; B = 1**
PSY 150 - General Psychology	**A = 4; B = 2**
ENG 111 - Writing & Inquiry	**A = 4; B = 2**
Select from GTCC Humanities/Fine Arts Courses	**A = 4; B = 2**
BIO 169 - Anatomy & Physiology II **(completed since 2017)**	A = 8; B = 4
Communications or English course: **COM 110 (Intro. to Comm.), **COM 120 (Intro. to Interpersonal Comm.), ** COM 140 (Intro. to Intercultural Comm.), **COM 231 (Public Speaking), ENG 112 (Writing/Research in the Disciplines), ENG 113 (Literature Based Research) or ENG 114 (Professional Research and Reporting)	A = 4; B = 2
ADDITIONAL COURSES NOT REQUIRED FOR THE DEGREE	**Points Awarded**
PSY 241 - Developmental Psychology	A = 4; B = 2
*HUM 115 Critical Thinking is preferred for the program. An additional point is awarded for completion of this course with a grade of "B" or higher	1
**Communication courses are preferred for the program. Additional points are awarded for completion COM 110, COM 120, COM 140, or COM 231 with a grade of "A" or "B".	2

Table 4 Required General Education and Additional Courses for Ranking

AP (Advanced Placement) courses: applicants who earned AP credit for general education courses may earn ranking points based on the following criteria: **AP score of 5 = grade of "A" AP score of 4 = grade of "B"**

College Board scores must be on file in the GTCC Admissions Office to earn AP course credit, and AP scores are valid for five years (since 2022).

IB (International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination) applicants who earned IB credit for required general education courses may earn ranking points based on the following criteria: scores of 6 – 7 = grade of "A" and scores of 4 – 5 = grade of "B".

ATI TEAS SCORE	
Score Range	**Points Awarded**
66 – 69	0
70 – 76	2
77 – 83	4
84 – 90	6
91 – 95	8
96 – 100	10

Table 5 ATI TEAS Score Ranking Criteria

OTHER RANKING CRITERIA	Points Awarded
College-Level Programs: Points awarded for the ONE HIGHEST level completed (ONLY ONE) – All degrees from institutions outside the United States require evaluation by a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluating Services) for an international evaluation. **TRANSCRIPT MUST STATE DEGREE AWARDED OR CONFERRED & BE ON FILE IN ADMISSIONS!**	
Completion of a Master's Degree or higher in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	6
Completion of a Bachelor's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	4
Completion of an Associate's Degree in any field of study from an Institutionally Accredited College or University	3
Current Health-Related Certification/Licensure (ONE certification may be submitted) -- **MUST UPLOAD DOCUMENTATION WITH PROGRAM APPLICATION**.	
"Health-related fields" involve the delivery of services pertaining to the identification, evaluation, treatment and prevention of diseases and disorders under the care of a referring doctor. ***Points will be given to applicants who hold current certification/licensure in the following areas:*** *licensed or certified dental hygienists, athletic trainers, personal trainers (with a national certification), massage therapists, orthotists, prosthetists, occupational therapists, exercise physiologists, respiratory therapists, speech language pathologists, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, audiologists, Army medics, Navy corpsmen, etc.* ***These certifications will also be accepted:*** *Corrective Exercise Specialists (CES) from the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialists (CSCS) from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).* *Related experience points **will not** be given to applicants for working as physical therapy aides/technicians, certified nursing assistants, physical education teachers, emergency medical responders, surgical technologists, phlebotomists, pharmacy technicians, med techs, yoga instructors, Pilates instructors, aqua instructors, etc.*	3

Table 6 Degree and Certification Ranking Criteria

TOTAL RANKING POINTS	Points Awarded
General Education Courses Required for the Degree	
Additional Courses Not Required for the Degree	
ATI TEAS Score	
Other Ranking Criteria	
TOTAL RANKING POINTS EARNED:	

Table 7 Total Ranking Points

Notification Process

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Program Orientation, Advising/Registration, and Enrollment

Once a seat in a program of study is accepted, the student will then communicate with the Program Director regarding all matters related to program orientation, advising/registration, and enrollment.

The student is required to attend all program orientations (scheduled in early July), meetings, or other events scheduled prior to the start of classes. Failure to attend these meetings without prior approval from the Program Director will result in removal from the health program; an alternate student will be selected to fill the vacant seat, as directed by the Program Director.

The student must enroll in program classes prior to the first day of the semester.

A student who enrolls in first-semester classes for the program and withdraws from the program or is dropped from the program that semester must complete the entire program admission process if he/she wishes to apply for a future program entry.

The GTCC Guided Entry Process is not to be regarded as a contract between GTCC and students. GTCC reserves the right to change any provisions or requirements with adequate notice and minimum disruption to students.

Important Notes to Health Science Program Applicants

Program faculty reserves the right to revise or change course requirements in accordance with applicable state laws, college requirements, accreditation standards, and/or at the discretion of the faculty. By accepting admission into the program, students agree to at all times abide by the program requirements and procedures as set forth in the Student Handbook and the respective course syllabus issued at the beginning of each term for each course. The student is bound by such requirements and procedures regardless of whether they were established before or after the date of enrollment in the program. Changes made after the publication of the Handbook will be posted as an addendum to the Handbook.

Most programs require students to have a criminal background check, a drug screen, and an OIG review (Office of Inspector General) upon admission. Healthcare agencies that are utilized for clinical and/or internship experiences require this evaluation. If a student is denied agency access due to a positive check or screening, the students may not be able to complete the clinical education experiences, which will result in the inability to continue in the health science program. Screening may also be required after graduation by examination boards, state licensing boards, and employing agencies. Pending the outcome, a graduate may be disqualified from examination eligibility, state licensure, and/or employment.

Students must achieve a GPA of 2.0 or better to graduate. Students who receive a grade of "D" in a general education course (other than BIO or PHY) can graduate if their GPA is at least 2.0. However, a grade of "D" in a general education course will not transfer to another institution, nor will GTCC accept a grade of "D" for credit from another institution. Students must achieve a "C" or better in BIO, PHY, and program major courses. Students who do not achieve a "C" or better in these courses will be suspended from the program.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Guilford Technical Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

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