



Carl Albert State College  
PTA

## **Physical Therapist Assistant**

**CARL ALBERT STATE COLLEGE**  
Division of Health Sciences  
1507 S. McKenna  
Poteau, OK 74953

Applications can be obtained from:  
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT EDUCATION  
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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT EDUCATION

ACCREDITATION



Physical Therapist Assistant Education Program at Carl Albert State College is accredited by:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
thru 3/30/2031

American Physical Therapy Association  
1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314  
1-703-684-7343



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## FAQS

### **What do I have to do to become a PTA student?**

*Apply. You can apply for the PTA program from October 1 to February 1 for the following Academic Year*

### **How do I Apply?**

*Go to the following link on the CASC website during the application period, click APPLY NOW  
<https://carlalbert.edu/academics/divisions/health-science/physical-therapist-assistant/>*

### **What do I need to apply?**

*All you MUST have to apply is and a Retention GPA of 2.50, there are NO pre-requisite college courses*

### **How is my application scored?**

*We score your application using your official transcripts, act scores, and clinical observation hours.*

- GPA (required 2.5)
- College Courses Earned (not required to complete, but completed requires C or better grade)
- Degree Earned
- Clinical Observation Points (BONUS)
- ACT score (BONUS)

### **When do I find out about my application status?**

*The PTA Program will notify you of your admission status via email in Mid-March*

### **How many applicants get into the PTA Program?**

*The PTA Program currently has a space for 17 students. This number changes based on the needs of the program.*

### **When does the PTA Program start?**

*The PTA Program starts a new class each August. The first two semesters in the program require 2 day a week attendance to class and the second year requires 4 days a week attendance.*

### **Does the PTA Program have any coursework Online?**

*The PTA Program is currently delivered exclusively in person on the Poteau CASC campus.*

### **How does the PTA Program organize clinical education?**

*The PTA Program performs clinical placements based on criminal background checks, drug screens, and clinical facility policies. The program will strive to keep student costs low while connecting the student to nearby classroom and clinical education.*

### **Does the PTA Program offer scholarships?**

*The PTA Program does not offer scholarships to incoming students but the student is encouraged to pursue scholarships from the institution which are awarded annually and specific to all majors in allied health fields. Please contact the program director, your advisor, or the office of financial aid at CASC for more information.*

## **Program Mission**

It is the mission of the Carl Albert State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program to educate our students with the necessary knowledge and skills to become an entry level Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant. We will strive to keep student costs low while connecting the student to nearby classroom and clinical education.

## **Program Goals**

1. The PTA Graduate will demonstrate entry level performance of the Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant. (graduate)
2. The PTA Program will possess a curriculum that encompasses the ever emerging profession of the Physical Therapist Assistant. (program)
3. The PTA Faculty will provide accessible and exceptional classroom and clinical education opportunities. (faculty)

## **Guidelines for Admission to and Retention**

Enrollment in the Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Program is limited because of available laboratory facilities in the community as well as limited faculty and financial resources.

Carl Albert State College fully subscribes to all principles and requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for qualified handicapped individuals and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Therefore, applicants are encouraged to self-identify their accommodation needs as part of the admissions process. It is important to note that in order to successfully progress through the PTA curriculum and function as a practicing physical therapist assistant upon graduation, an individual must be able to perform certain physical activities that include vocal, visual, auditory, and dexterity requirements.

Therefore, in order to be considered for admission to or retention in the physical therapist assistant program after admission, all applicants will possess:

1. Sufficient visual acuity, such as is needed in the accurate preparation and administration of medications, and for the observation necessary for client assessment and physical therapy care.
2. Sufficient auditory perception to receive verbal communication from clients and members of the health team and to assess health needs of people through the use of monitoring devices such as stethoscopes, timers, cardiac monitors, fire alarms, etc.
3. Sufficient gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement the skills required in meeting client health care needs safely. These include, but are not limited to, manipulation of equipment and performance of CPR.
4. Sufficient communication and language skills (speech, comprehension, reading, writing) to interact with clients and the health care team to communicate effectively, as may be necessary in the client's interest and safety.
5. Sufficient intellectual functions and emotional stability to plan and implement care for clients.
6. Any person who has been dismissed from any other CASC Health Science program is not eligible for admittance to the CASC PTA program.

The individual will need to notify the Department of Physical Therapist Assistant Education Admissions Committee in writing if such a disability exists or occurs during matriculation in the PTA program. Professional documentation may be requested regarding the individual's ability to perform tasks required of a physical therapist assistant. The Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator is located in the Ollie Center building, office OCAE 1308.

An individual denied admission or continuance in the program due to the inability to perform certain activities has the right to appeal any decision made. A complete copy of the Grievance Procedure may be obtained from the CASC Student Handbook online.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant **MUST** meet the following **GPA criteria** to be eligible for admission to the Associate in Applied Science (Physical Therapist Assistant) program:

1. **Grade point average 2.50 or higher**

- A. A retention grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (C) or above on academic work completed is required.
- B. All completed courses for the PTA program must have a minimum grade of “C”.
- C. Points will be given for GPA (college courses or high school) using the following guidelines:

12 hours’ college credit or more attempted - use retention college GPA (*high school transcript not required – submit college transcripts*)

11 hours’ college credit or fewer - use high school GPA (*submit high school transcript*)

<u>Retention GPA</u>	<u>College GPA</u>	<u>H.S. GPA</u>
	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points</u>
2.50 - 2.74	5	4
2.75 - 2.99	10	8
3.00 - 3.24	15	12
3.25 - 3.49	20	16
3.50 - 3.74	25	20
3.75 - 4.00	30	24

**Note:** Grades earned in zero level courses are not included in calculating the retention GPA nor are they included in the 12 hours of college credit.

2. **Earned College Hours Completed**

Applicant will earn points for all courses listed as Earned College Hours. The following performance based scale is applied to all courses used for the application process. A = 4 / B = 3 / C = 2. Courses are only scored if complete and graded on official transcript prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> Application Deadline. Please communicate with PTA Faculty concerning course equivalency and transfer from other colleges

<b>ENGL 1113</b> <b>Comp I</b>	<b>Zoo 2124</b> <b>Anatomy</b>	<b>HIST 1483</b> <b>or 1493 History</b>
<b>ENGL 1213</b> <b>Comp II</b>	<b>Zoo 2114</b> <b>Physiology</b>	<b>_POS 1113</b> <b>Am Fed Government</b>
		<b>PSY 1113</b> <b>Intro to Psychology</b>

**Note:** These are **NOT PRE-REQUISITE** courses, rather they are courses that if above is met, assist in admission probability.

3. **Prior Degrees Earned**

- A. Points will be given for prior degrees as follows:
  - Associate's ..... 5 points
  - Bachelor's ..... 10 points
  - Master's **or** higher ..... 15 points

5. **Bonus Points: (Optional)**

- a. **Clinical Observation:** Five (5) preference points will be awarded to applicants who successfully complete a total of at **least 16 hours** of clinical observation with a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant or Physical Therapist.

All documented hours must be submitted on the form provided by the CASC Department of Physical Therapist Assistant Education in the application packet. Copies of this form may be duplicated as needed. CO Hours are permitted a two year application life, but must be provided in each application attempt by the student.

b. **ACT Composite Score 19 or higher**

Five (5) preference points will be awarded to applicants who successfully complete the ACT with the following:

- **Original ACT** (taken prior to September 1989)
- **Enhanced ACT** (taken after September 1989)

Points will be given for ACT Composite Scores above 19 Enhanced or above 17 Original as follows:

<u>Enhanced ACT</u>	<u>Original ACT</u>	<u>Points</u>
20-22	17-21	5
23-25	22-24	10
26 or above	25 or above	15

6. **Supplemental College Courses: (Optional)**

These courses are also awarded points using the scale from Earned Courses if completed prior to application:

MATH 1513 – College Algebra

AHS 1113 – Medical Terminology

ZOO 1114 – General Zoology

CHEM 1115 – General Chemistry I **OR** CHEM 1025 General Organic and Biological Chemistry

PHTA 1203 – Applied Anatomy (Instructor permission required)

PHTA 2363 – Kinesiology (Instructor permission required)

**All** “Supplemental College Courses” (section 6) must have been completed with a grade of “C” or better must be made in the PHTA courses.

*PHTA 1203 Applied Anatomy and PHTA 2363 Kinesiology are only available for those students that have been admitted to the PTA program and/ or those students completing the Pre-Sports Medicine option of the A.S. Allied Health degree at CASC.*

## 7. Program Admission

Applicants are scored on a number of objective criteria. The criteria include:

- Retention GPA 2.5 ( $\geq 12$  college hours/college GPA) ( $< 11$  college hours/HS GPA) **REQUIRED**
- Completed general education courses that are required for the AAS PTA degree. (bonus not required)
- Supplemental courses completed. (bonus not required)
- Completion of a prior degree from an accredited college or university. (bonus not required)
- Completion of observation hours. (bonus not required)
- ACT Composite Score 19 or higher (bonus not required)
- **Meeting the minimum requirements for admission does not guarantee acceptance.**

**TOTAL POINT SCORE** (see Admissions Worksheet page 11 of Information packet)

The total point score is made on each completed application. The program then ranks the applications and admits the top 17 applicants.

### **LATE APPLICANTS**

Applicants who submit an application after February 1st, **may** be considered **IF** the admission quota is not met. Late applicants will be considered prior to classes starting in the fall semester on a **space available basis.**

### **ALTERNATES**

The program will score and rank all completed applications. The top 17 applicants will be offered admission in the program as a class. Most classes will require alternates to complete the class as not all applicants will accept the position offered. It is highly recommended that if an applicant is offered an **ALTERNATE** position, that they accept it as it may become an admitted position prior to the beginning of the first semester.



## **ADMISSION OF PERSONS WITH AN ARREST AND/OR CRIMINAL CONVICTION**

No individual may be admitted to the Associate in Applied Science (Physical Therapist Assistant) program who has not or will not complete any parole and/or probationary requirements prior to the applications deadline.

Individuals who have been arrested and/or convicted of a felony offense, a drug or alcohol related offense, or certain offenses involving moral turpitude (i.e., larceny) prior to admission to the PTA program are considered on an individual basis by the Admissions Committee. In these deliberations, the Committee considers the following factors:

1. The nature of the crime(s);
2. Evidence of rehabilitation;
3. Personal characteristics;
4. Behavior/action since the offense was committed;
5. The total criminal records; and
6. The disciplinary action of the court.

Individuals with an arrest and/or criminal conviction are advised that the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision will consider their application for licensure by examination on an individual basis. This may require a personal appearance before the Board in the final semester of the program. It is a prerogative of the Board to grant or deny the application, therefore, the student is advised to consult the Oklahoma Medical Board if a history of arrest and/ or criminal conviction has occurred.

Forms and information included in the application packet **MAY NOT** be copied without written permission from the Health Sciences Division.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

**Follow these steps in this order. Defer if not applicable**

1. Complete the admission process for Carl Albert State College, including the ACT college entrance exam.
2. Complete an application form for admission to the Associate in Applied Science in the Physical Therapist Assistant program. Application packets will be available **October 1st.\***
  - A. Applications are found at:  
<https://carlalbert.edu/academics/divisions/health-science/physical-therapist-assistant/>
  - B. Click Apply Now
  - C. After you have completed the online portion of the application, you will receive an email notification requesting the following items.
3. Provide an **official copy of your ACT scores:** (optional for bonus points)
  - A. Contact ACT and request a official test transcript be sent to CASC PTA
  - B. Official High School Transcripts with ACT scores will be accepted
  - C.
4. Provide an **official** copy of your transcript from high school and **ALL** colleges attended (including CASC).
5. Provide documentation of Clinical Observation totaling 16 hours with a PTA or PT. (optional for bonus)
6. The application process **must** be completed by **February 1st** of each year. **It is the applicant's responsibility to check with the division office to be sure all required forms and/or information have been received before the February 1st deadline.**

**Submit ALL Transcripts, Official ACT Scores, and Clinical Observation by February 1 to:**

**CASC PTA  
1507 S. McKenna  
Poteau, OK 74953**

Applicants will be notified by Email of the decision of the Admissions Committee.

**\*Only one class of 17 is admitted each year - in the fall semester. Application is available on the PTA website after October 1st each year.**

**\*\*An official copy of ALL transcripts must be submitted.**

**Upon admission into the PTA program, the applicant will be required to complete a Health Survey form, drug screen, report shot records, and Criminal Background Check.**

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## Program of Studies Sequence

*The student will NOT be required to repeat courses already completed. Italicized courses are typically complete prior to the program admission and would not be a part of the semester but are listed to show sequence if needed. There may be additional course requirements based on ACT score and/or high school deficiencies and prerequisites*

FIRST YEAR:

SEMESTER HOURS

**Semester One (Fall):**

<i>English 1113 Freshman Composition I</i>	3
<i>Zoology 2124 Human Anatomy (*Prereq Zoo1114)</i>	4
<i>Psychology 1113 Introduction to Psychology</i>	3
<b>PHTA 1283 Physical Disabilities</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 1113 Introduction to Physical Therapy</b>	<b>3</b>

**16\* Total**

**Semester Two (Spring):**

<i>Political Science 1113 American Federal Government</i>	3
<i>Zoology 2114 Human Physiology (*Prereq Zoo 1114, Math 1513 &amp; Chem 1115 or Chem 1015)</i>	4
<i>English 1213 Freshman Composition II</i>	3
<i>History 1483 OR 1493 American History</i>	3
<b>PHTA 1203 Anatomy and Physiology for PTAs</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 1231 Clinical Orientation</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PHTA 1292 Physical Therapy Procedures I</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PHTA 2442 Psychosocial Aspects of PT</b>	<b>2</b>

**6-19\* Total**

**Semester (Fall):**

<b>PHTA 2332 Clinical Experience I</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PHTA 2343 Physical Therapy Procedures II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 2353 Neurology and Pathology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 2363 Kinesiology</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 2373 Therapeutic Exercise I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 2432 Clinical Experience II</b>	<b>2</b>

**14 Total**

**Semester Four (Spring):**

<b>PHTA 2482 PTA Seminar (1<sup>st</sup> 8 week)</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PHTA 2413 Rehabilitation (1<sup>st</sup> 8 week)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>PHTA 2473 Therapeutic Exercise II (1<sup>st</sup> 8 week)</b>	<b>3</b>

**12 Total**

**Semester Five (Spring):**

<b>PHTA 2534 Clinical Experience III (2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Week)</b>	<b>4</b>
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**4 Total**

## PTA Program Grade Scale

All courses in the technical portion of the PTA education program will have a grading scale and outlines as follows (clinical education will have separate guidelines)

### A. Grading Scale

A = 90 – 100

B = 82 – 89

C = 75 – 81

D = 65 – 74

F = 64 and below

1. In order to pass each course the student must receive,
  - a. An overall average of a 75% on theory exams;
  - b. An overall average of 75% on lab exams and activities;
  - c. An overall average of 75% on theory assignments
  - d. Failure to achieve a 75% average in *each independent* portion of the course will result in a grade no higher than a “D” for the course.
2. Once the minimum of *each* portion of the course is met, the final grade will be calculated.
  - a. In courses with a lab, 75% of the overall grade will be based upon the theory (tests & assignments), 25% on lab (tests & assignments).
  - b. In courses with theory portions only, 100% of the grade will be based on theory (tests & assignments).
3. Study Hall. Students are required to meet with their instructor on the day of grade notification if the score on their attempt of any assessment/ examination is not 75% or greater. A supervised study will be required for the duration no less than the course credit hour and must be completed prior to attempting the subsequent assessment/ exam. This applies to any assessment/ exam at the instructor’s discretion.

**All courses in the PTA Education program must be passed with a “C” in order for the student to be retained and progressed in the PTA Program.**

**All written assignments must be turned in for successful completion of the PTA courses and become the property of CASC PTA Education Department.**

## ADMISSION SUMMARY WORKSHEET

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Application Year \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA)		College <input type="checkbox"/>	HS <input type="checkbox"/>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points	GPA _____	<u>Retention GPA</u>	<u>College Points</u>	
		2.50 - 2.74.....	.....5.....	.....4
		2.75 - 2.99.....	.....10.....	.....8
		3.00 - 3.24.....	.....15.....	.....12
		3.25 - 3.49.....	.....20.....	.....16
		3.50 - 3.74.....	.....25.....	.....20
	3.75 - 4.00.....	.....30.....	.....24	

**Earned Course Credit Point Scale: A = 4 / B = 3 / C = 2**

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points	___ ENGL 1113 Comp I ___ ENGL 1213 Comp II	___ Zoo 2124 Anatomy ___ Zoo 2114 Physiology	___ HIST 1483 or 1493 History ___ POS 1113 Am Fed Government ___ PSY 1113 Intro to Psychology
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points	<b>Supplemental College Courses Completed</b>		
	Points will be given as listed above if courses are completed with a grade of a "C" or better:		
	___ Math 1513 College Algebra	___ AHS 1113 Med Terminology	___ PHTA 1203 Applied Anatomy
	___ Zoology 114 Gen Zoology	___ Chemistry 1115 OR 1025 Chemistry/ GOB	___ PHTA 2363 Kinesiology

**Prior Degrees Earned**

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points		<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Degree</u>
		5	Associates <input type="checkbox"/>
		10	Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/>
		15	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>

**\*ACT (bonus) College  HS**

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points	ACT score _____	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Enhanced Points</u>	<u>Original Points</u>
		5	20-22	17-21
		10	23-25	22-24
		15	26+	25+

**\*Clinical Observation of 16 total hours in two locations with a Licensed PTA or PT (bonus)**

<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> Points	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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TOTAL POINTS

Scorer's Initial & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Cost of Training Information (Estimated)

Required Tuition @ \$136.50/Hr.

Required Fees \$75.00 per course PTA, Health Science Fee \$50.00 per hour

Required Fees for general education courses and web courses apply

<b>General Education (23 hours )</b>	<b>Resident Tuition \$3,139.00 / Fees \$452.00</b>
<b>PTA Technical education (32 hours)</b>	<b>Resident Tuition \$4368.00 / Fees \$4112.00</b>
<b>Text Books (Total over PTA Technical Education only estimated)</b>	\$2000.00
Drug Screen	\$40.00-60.00
Student Liability Insurance	\$30.00 (\$15.00 per year)
PTA Program Shirt/ Scrubs (clinical education requirement)	\$150.00 (\$30.00 x 3-5)
Closed toe shoes(clinical education requirement)	\$50.00
Criminal Background Check(clinical education requirement)	\$44.00
Immunizations/ Titer (clinical education requirement) <i>(Students may have complete)</i>	\$200.00
CPR Certification (clinical education requirement)	\$50.00
<b>Total Estimated Cost of PTA Education</b>	<b>\$14,635.00*</b>

**\*Does not included travel expenses. Each student is expected to supply their own means of transportation to and from their clinical experience. A total of 16 weeks of full time (5 days/week, 8 hours/day) clinical experience is required to graduate from the program. The amount of money required to travel depends upon the distance of the students' place of residence to their clinical experience. In the event that a student requests or is assigned a clinical experience beyond commuting distance, the student is responsible for any costs incurred for room and board they may require at a given affiliation. The average distance to a clinical facility from CASC is approximately 30 miles.**

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**\*Tuition and Fees are modified by the institution and are subject to change**

**\*Applicants and Admitted Students may obtain many of the above list prior to program admission which may result in a decrease total estimated cost.**