

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PTA Program Applications may be picked up in the Health Sciences Division Office J-210 or downloaded from the Darton State College website @ <http://www.darton.edu/PTAS>

Deadline for all PTA application material to be turned in is June 1st of each year.

To be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the applicant must:

1. Be admitted to Darton State College
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or a 3.0 GPA or higher for the last 40 credit hours attempted.
3. Have all prerequisite coursework completed with a grade of "C" or higher prior to the start date of the Fall Semester to which they are applying. Prerequisites should be completed within five years of the date of application. Prerequisites completed more than five years prior to the date of application are subject to approval by the PTA Selection Committee.
4. Complete the PTA application packet including:
 - a. Application for admission to the PTA program
 - b. Prerequisite Information Form
 - c. Documentation of at least 40 hours of observational experience in one or more physical therapy settings. Hours should be verified by the signature of a physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant on the "Observational Hours/Recommendation Form" found in the application packet.
 - d. HOBET V scores

One class per year will be selected and will begin each Fall Semester. Application packets which are incomplete or are received after June 1st may not be considered. Preliminary selection criteria, including GPA and observational hours completed, are ranked by the PTA Selection Committee. All applicants who meet the admission criteria will be invited for a personal interview. Offers of acceptance will be made based on the final ranking of those interviewed.

Due to the fact that prerequisites for Physical Therapy programs are different, graduation from a PTA program is not a "stepping-stone" and will not prepare the student for entry into a Physical Therapy professional education program. Students wishing to pursue a career as a physical therapist should enroll as in the Health Science plan of study with the Health Sciences Division.