



# Physical Therapy Assistant Program

## Application Packet

### Admission for Fall 2020

All application materials **MUST** be received by the Office of Admissions by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm in order to be reviewed by the admissions committee.

**No late materials will be accepted.**

Carefully review and complete all required sections of this packet prior to submitting to the admissions department.

## Timeline and Important Dates

- **January 15, 2020 at 4:00 pm:** Deadline for all application materials to be submitted to admissions department. No application materials will be accepted after this deadline.
  - See page 3 for required admission materials
- **Early February 2020:** Top candidates will be invited to campus for a MANDATORY on-site interview and essay.
- **March-April 2020:** Final admission decisions made based on initial application materials and on-site interview and essay.

# Required Application Materials/Tasks

\*Applications will NOT be reviewed without the required materials listed below.\*

\*Materials will not be accepted after the deadline of January 15, 2020.\*

- Complete and submit application on <https://www.radford.edu/content/admissions/home/apply.html>
  - Also submit additional materials such as transcripts and SAT/ACT scores as listed on this webpage.
  
- Fully complete this packet and submit to the admissions department at Jefferson College of Health Sciences. This packet must be TYPED, no handwritten packets will be accepted.
  - As part of the packet, applicants must also submit (these additional materials are a required portion of your application packet):
    - At least one, and up to three letters of recommendation (make sure to also complete the required area in the packet)
    - An updated resume
    - A personal statement
  - Your completed packet and the additional materials listed above should be scanned in as **ONE** PDF document and emailed to [rucadmissions@radford.edu](mailto:rucadmissions@radford.edu). All application materials need to be submitted as one electronic document to be accepted. No paper documents will be accepted.
  
- Review the additional information on the next page for more insight on the rigors of the PTA program.

## **Things to consider prior to entering the PTA program:**

- Can you re-arrange your work schedule/personal life to meet the demands and time constraints of this program?
- Do you have a support system (family/friends/babysitters/etc) to rely on?
- Do you have the financial resources necessary?
- Is this the right time for you to commit to the program?

## **This is an intense program:**

- Course grade of C or better required to pass all program related courses (must achieve 77% average on tests before assignments/papers added to grade) and must pass any course practical exams in order to pass the course. Attendance is important and required, with grade penalties for accumulated absences.
- Students cannot just depend on rote memorization. Written examinations require students to apply the information they have learned to various scenarios, which requires students to have a higher level of understanding of the material.
- Practical Examinations are utilized throughout the curriculum to assess the student's comprehension of theory and application of skills. During most practical exams, students receive a patient scenario and perform the physical therapy intervention as indicated in the Plan of Care. Students are graded on communication, safety and efficiency, correct collection of data, application of interventions, tests and measurements, professionalism, and documentation.
- Students are expected to spend time on campus outside of class practicing and refining skills learned in lab.

## **Are you aware that?:**

- The PTA course schedules require you to be in attendance during daytime hours throughout the week (schedules may be lighter first year due to transfer credits).
- The program requires hands-on practice and simulation of patient scenarios
- You must pass a drug screen and background check for clinical experiences.
- Students are assigned a 4 hour/week clinical experience in the 3rd semester (summer), a 6 week clinical (40 hours/week) clinical experience in the 4th semester (fall), an 8 week clinical (40 hours/week) clinical experience in the 5th semester (spring)
- Students are required to perform clinical experiences in both outpatient clinics and inpatient settings (hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers)
- Clinical placements may require driving between 30 minutes to 1.5 hours, depending on where you live and other placement factors

## Fully complete the following information:

- **Previous Degree:**

- If you have a previous degree (or will complete your degree prior to admission to the program), please check the appropriate box below:

- Associates Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Above Bachelor's Degree

- **Prior Healthcare Experience:**

- If you have prior or current employment in healthcare, please complete below (please select and complete all applicable sections):

- Prior or current employment as a physical therapy technician or aide:

- Place of employment: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Length of time in this position: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Prior or current healthcare-related employment **with** direct patient care:

- Position/credentials: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Place of employment: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Length of time in this position: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Prior or current employment in another healthcare-related employment without direct patient care:

- Position: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Place of employment: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- **Physical Therapy Exposure NOT part of current or past employment.**

- If you have any additional information which will not fit on this table, please type the additional information and include in your application file.

Name/Address of Location	Hours of Observation	Type of Setting

## Complete the following information:

- **Letters of Recommendation:**

- Make sure to include at least one, and up to three letters of recommendation when submitting this packet. These may be either delivered electronically or by mail/hand-delivered.
- List below the names and titles of those individuals providing you with recommendation:
  - [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - [Click here to enter text.](#)

- **Community Service:**

- Complete the table below regarding your community service. If you have any additional information which will not fit on this table, please type the additional information and include in your application file.

Name/Address of Service Organization	Hours of Community Service	Duties Performed	Was this was a 1-time experience or ongoing commitment?

- **Leadership:**

- Complete the table with your leadership experience, you may add additional rows if needed. If you have any additional information which will not fit on this table, please type the additional information and include in your application file.

Position Held	Length of Time Position Held	Duties Performed	Was this was a 1-time experience or ongoing commitment?

- **Performance Excellence:**

- List any recognitions you have received at work, school, or in the community over the past 5 years.

Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.  
Click here to enter text.

- **Resume:**

- Make sure to include an updated resume when submitting this packet.

- **Personal Statement:**

- Make sure to include a personal statement when submitting this packet.

- **Additional supporting materials:**

- If desired (but not required), you may submit any additional materials which help to support your application to the PTA program. You may include any additional information that did not fit into the tables earlier in the packet.
- All additional information must be scanned in and included as part of your application submission file. **Remember that all application materials must be submitted as one PDF file.**

---

Submit this packet and the additional required materials by **4:00 pm on January 15, 2020** to the Office of Admissions. No application materials will be accepted after this date.

Please contact the Office of Admission (540-985-8483) or Dr. Rebeca Duff, PTA program director ([rduff2@radford.edu](mailto:rduff2@radford.edu)) 540-985-8246) with any questions.

Thank you for applying and we look forward to reviewing your application!