EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Application
- Receipt of non-refundable $25 application fee paid to the cashier's office
- Minimum 2.7 GPA in all prerequisite courses with no single grade below a “C”
- Minimum of 2.7 GPA in Anatomy/Lab, Physiology/Lab, Intro to PTA, and Medical Terminology. (Biology classes must be within the last 7 years.)
- SEALED OFFICIAL transcripts for pre-requisite classes completed to date sent directly to Program Advisor. (Can submit UNOFFICIALS if currently enrolled in prerequisites during spring semester. Upon completion of the semester you must hand in OFFICIAL transcripts.)
- Prerequisite courses may be repeated only once.
- PSB Health Occupations Aptitude Exam Results. (Test can only be taken once.)
- Confirmation letter for 16 hours Physical Therapy work/observation experience.
- Submit a criminal background check. (See PTA website for directions.)

Welcome to the Dixie State University Physical Therapist Assistant Program admissions process – if you’re filling out this form to apply for admission, you’ve come a long way! The following will help you understand the requirements for admission and guide you through the process. There’s a great deal of info here – read carefully. Do not hesitate to contact the program coordinator or the health science advisor with concerns or questions during the process.

Students are admitted into Dixie State University’s Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program without regard to gender, age, creed, ethnic origin, or marital status. Space in the program is limited; therefore, admission will be competitive, based on an objective point procedure that has been strategically set up to predict student success. We admit up to 16 new students into the program at specific intervals. Students are accepted into a “cohort” – a group of students who start the program at the same time, enroll and complete the same program courses, perform clinical education at the same time, and graduate together as a group. The program cannot be taken part-time – it is a full time commitment.

Before applying to the program, individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program and the pressures involved in undertaking the responsibilities of being a full-time PTA student. Please see page 6 for details.

Any questions can be directed to Joni Hale, Health Science Advisor, (435) 879-4809 or jhale@dixie.edu. Good luck and thanks for your interest in Dixie State University and the Physical Therapist Assistant Program!

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL ABOVE REQUIREMENTS TO:

DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY
JONI HALE
HEALTH SCIENCE ADVISOR
TAYLOR HEALTH SCIENCE BUILDING #254
225 S 700 E
ST GEORGE, UT 84770
Be sure to keep copies of all papers you submit! Incomplete applications will not be processed!
Have you ever been admitted, attended or completed any other PTA program?

☐ Yes  ☐ No  (If yes, you will need to hand in page 4 “Prior Program Information” form)

I do hereby certify that the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

________________________________________  _________________
Signature                                      Date

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Dixie State University
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Prior Program Information Form

(Only required if you have been admitted to, attended, or completed any other PTA Program.)

Program:__________________________________________________________

Location:________________________________________________________

Program Director:_______________________________________________

May we contact the program concerning your status with the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What was the reason for not completing the program?
_______________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________

Are you eligible for re-admission into the program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, why?_________________________________________________________________

You will need a letter from the program on school letterhead stating:

~Why you are no longer in the program.

~Your status at the time of withdrawal/termination.

The letter must be mailed or emailed directly from the program to:

Dixie State University
Dr. William J. Patterson, DPT
225 S 700 E
St George, UT 84770

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**Licensure**

In order to be licensed as a Physical Therapist Assistant in the State of Utah, the licensure application must be in conformity with the State of Utah Physical Therapy Practice Act. Applicants who have been convicted of a felony, treated for mental illness or substance abuse should discuss their eligibility status for licensure with the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. **Acceptance and completion of the PTA program does not assure eligibility to take the PTA licensure examination.** The State of Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing makes the final decision as to whether a license will be issued to practice in the State of Utah. If you have questions regarding this please contact the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, 160 East 300 South, P.O. Box 146741, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6741; Phone number (801) 530-6628.

**Acknowledgement of Program Requirements for Personal Effort and Commitment**

The nature of the Dixie State University PTA program, as with most health education programs, requires a substantial time commitment to fulfill the intensive requirements of the program in the classroom, laboratory, and clinical settings. The PTA program faculty recognizes its responsibility as facilitators of your learning and is committed to helping you succeed in the program, should you be accepted. However, it is important that you are aware of the responsibilities you will hold for your own learning while in the program.

As part of your application to the program, please read the following and sign below. Your signature is an acknowledgement of your understanding of the expectations of the program, should you be accepted.

1. There is a minimal expectation of two hours of study per week for each credit enrolled. A three hour class will therefore require approximately 6 hours of study/preparation.

2. Clinical Education: there is a mandatory 15 week requirement for full-time clinical education. This will require travel outside of the local area for one or more of the clinical experiences. All expenses for this are the responsibility of the student.

3. You will be learning a “new language” in the first year of your program. You will also be exposed to in-depth, comprehensive physical therapy/health care concepts and principles that may require more effort on your part to learn and understand.

4. You are expected to be prepared for class, lab, and clinical. This may include extensive reading and/or other assignments prior to your attendance.

5. Most exams given in PTA courses are structured similarly to the PTA licensing exam. This means that most of the items on the exams are application, analysis, and synthesis type questions rather than simple knowledge and recall. These questions require a higher-order of thinking to answer correctly. We provide you with learning strategies and test-taking strategies that help you take course exams.

6. You will find the PTA program very different and much more difficult than your past educational experiences. The program is designed this way to facilitate the quality of the program, prepare you to pass your licensing exam, and ensure you become a safe and competent PTA.

7. Physical/Other Demands: Frequent lifting, pushing and pulling, and/or carrying of objects weighing up to 25 pounds. Walking, standing, bending, stooping and sitting for extended periods. Full use of gross and fine motor skills of upper extremities. Good verbal and written communication skills. Ability to use insight when utilizing equipment.

I certify that all of the statements in this application and all of the documents submitted with this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above statements and if I am accepted into Dixie State University’s PTA program, I agree to organize my time and personal affairs in order to meet the commitment necessary to succeed. Finally, I understand the current accreditation status of PTA Program and the ramifications thereof.

________________________________________
Print name of Applicant

________________________________________
Signature of Applicant

________________________________________
Date

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Health Care Work History

In the spaces below, list only your employment in Physical Therapy Health Care settings. Do not list any positions that are not patient care related.

*Note: be prepared to provide proof of employment.*

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*For example: PT Aide, CNA, COTA, LPN, Restorative Aide, etc.*

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**DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM**  
*Student Application Scoring Sheet*

**LAST:**  
**FIRST:**  
**SSN/SID:**  
**ADDRESS:**  
**CITY:**  
**STATE/ZIP:**  
**PRIMARY PHONE:**  
**PRIMARY E-MAIL:**

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### PREREQUISITE COURSES

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<td>4. Medical Terminology HLOC 1000</td>
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**TOTAL /100**

### PREREQ GPA

**OVERALL GPA**

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### APTITUDE EXAM: (25 POINTS)

- PSB accounts for 20% of the total scoring.  
- Students will be scored in 5 areas on the PSB test including: Academic Aptitude, Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Info on Natural Sciences, and Vocational Adjustment Index.  
- In order for students to earn all 5 points in each area, student must score at or above the 75 percentile. Students who score 74 or lower will not receive points for that area.*  

*Subject to change.

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### EXTRA POINTS (OPTIONAL):

**HEALTHCARE WORK (must be direct patient care related):**  
1 Point: > 520 hours (equivalent 3 months full time, 6 months part time)  
2 Points: > 1040 hours (equivalent 6 months full time, 1 year part time: 20 hrs/wk)  
3 Points: > 2080 hours (equivalent 1 year full time, 2 years part time)  
4 Points: > 4160 hours (equivalent 2 years full time)  
**Bonus Point:** Worked directly in Physical Therapy  

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE (must be Healthcare related):**  
1 Point: > 100 hours

**TOTAL SCORE /125**

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