

MATRICULATION PROCEDURE

Associate Degree • Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

NAME* _____ FORMER NAME IF APPLICABLE _____

ADDRESS _____

STUDENT ID NUMBER _____ TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO PROVIDE BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WITH ANY CHANGES IN CONTACT INFORMATION.

1. Apply to BCC (Admissions Office, 413-499-4660, Ext. 1630, berkshirecc.edu/apply)

- ☐ Submit application;
- ☐ Submit official high school transcript(s) OR GED OR HiSET; AND official transcripts of any previous colleges attended.
 - Submit transcript to: admissions@berkshirecc.edu. International transcripts need to be translated/evaluated by a NACES approved organization.
 - College transcripts indicating a completed degree are satisfactory evidence of secondary school graduation.

2. Complete program admission requirements

- ☐ **Math:** ACCUPLACER Next Generation QAS score of 268 or greater OR successful completion of MAT-136 or other college level Math (with a minimum grade of C).
 - ☐ Completion within 7 years of current application college-level Biology or Anatomy and Physiology with a C or better; OR completion within 2 years of current application, high school Biology with a second year of Advanced Biology or AP Biology with a grade of B (80) or better.
- Either:
- ☐ Graduate from high school within the last two years with an average of B (80) or rank in the upper third of the graduating class;
OR
 - ☐ Complete a minimum of 10 credits of college level non-PTA designated courses required in the PTA program with a C or better.
- ☐ Complete 20 hours of documented clinical observation in a Physical Therapy setting and/or complete the essay activity on page 4.

3. Submit this completed form to PTAadmissions@berkshirecc.edu as soon as you meet all requirements.

Matriculation forms will be accepted beginning on January 2 through June 15. Admission to the program is done on a continuous and space available basis. Any applications received after June 15 will be considered if space is available.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Important notices: To participate in clinical/practicum experiences, students must hold current CPR, and must provide evidence of compliance with all health requirements including the six-month Hep B series. Immunization information is available through the Nursing, Health and Immunization Office and on our webpage. Any prior criminal offense could hinder placement in clinical agencies. All program requirements including the "CORI" and "SORI" can be found in the current catalog.

BCC will not admit students concurrently into any two of the following degree or certificate programs: Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Care, LPN or Nursing.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

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CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO COMPLY

A student will not be allowed to participate in the clinical experience without ALL health requirements fully completed.

Please review the forms below:

- [Physical Therapist Program Health and Immunization form](#)
- [Verification of Student Health History and Physical Exam](#)

I have read the health requirements and understand that it is my responsibility to fully comply with the stated deadlines.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Please use one form per facility at which you observed.

After a student has observed in your facility, would you please complete this form. We appreciate the time and assistance you have provided this student.

NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM _____

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SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ESSAY ACTIVITY

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ACTIVITY:

Go to the American Physical Therapy Association website and find out more about careers in PTA. www.apta.org/PTACareers

After viewing the content and all sub-categories for PTA reflect on the following:

1. Why are you interested in physical therapy and PTA?
2. What strengths do you feel you can bring to the field?
3. What things could limit your success in the field?
4. What did you learn from the site that you did not know before?
5. Knowing that this is a rigorous academic program, how will you prepare to enter the PTA program?

Using the questions listed above, summarize your thoughts in a short essay, and attach it to your matriculation form. There is no word count requirement but please be sure to address all the above points in a complete manner.

The rubric below is for informational purposes and is to only be completed by faculty:

Matriculation Essay Activity Rubric			
Item	2 points	1 point	0 points
Evidence that applicant reviewed the APTA's website	Yes		No
Answered: Why are you interested in physical therapy and PTA?	Yes - completely	Partially	No
Answered: What strengths do you feel you can bring to the field?	Yes - completely	Partially	No
Answered: What things could limit your success in the field?	Yes - completely	Partially	No
Answered: What did you learn from the site that you did not know before?	Yes - completely	Partially	No
Answered: Knowing that this is a rigorous academic program, how will you prepare to enter the PTA program	Yes - completely	Partially	No
Totals:			
Overall Total out of 12: ☐ Essay Accepted: (score of 10 or higher) ☐ Essay returned with feedback and request for more information: (Score 7-9) ☐ Essay rejected and rewrite requested. Feedback provided: (Score below 7)			