



FALL 2010 HEALTH PROFESSIONS ADMISSIONS INSTRUCTIONS

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

For more information regarding the Health Professions or any other programs at SUNY Orange, please contact the SUNY Orange Admissions Office at (845) 341-4030 or visit us on the web at <http://www.sunyorange.edu/admissions/programs/healthreq.shtml>.

All applicants for a Health Professions Program must meet the requirements listed below for consideration.

- **Students must submit an eligibility form each year they wish to be considered for admission.** However, pre-Admissions Orientations and Observation Forms (if applicable) are valid for three years.
- **All admission requirements must be in and/or complete by February 1st.**
- **Priority in admission to all Health Professions Programs is given to legal Orange County residents and those applicants who have attended SUNY Orange.** Nursing applicants who are not legal Orange County residents are considered only if there are seats available in the program after all Orange County residents are reviewed (unless they graduated from an Orange County high school within 5 years).
- Current enrollment is not required for consideration.
- You may submit an Admissions Eligibility Form for one health program only. If you are interested in Nursing, you must choose either Day or Evening Nursing.

In addition to completing the process listed on the eligibility form before the **February 1st deadline**, New Applicants and Readmitted Students must follow the application process described in the viewbook for admission into the college. Once you apply to the college, you will receive a packet containing a Health Professions Admissions Eligibility Form.

Important Notes Regarding the Health Professions at SUNY Orange

Number of Seats Available in Each Program:

Dental Hygiene: 20	Nursing (Day): 96	Occupational Therapy Assistant: 24
Medical Laboratory Technology: 18	Nursing (Evening Part-Time): 32	Physical Therapist Assistant: 24
		Radiologic Technology: 24

- All Health Professions Programs are two year sequences. As a result, the length of the program will be two years from the fall in which you are accepted.
- All clinical and professional courses in the Health Professions Programs meet during the day with the exception of Evening Nursing (4-10pm).
- Admissions requirements are subject to change each academic year. Please keep in contact with your academic advisor regularly in order to stay informed of possible revisions of admissions requirements.
- Please be aware that meeting the Admissions requirements for a Health Professions Program does not guarantee admission into the program due to a limited number of seats in each program.
- All students accepted into a Health Professions program must successfully complete a physical examination which includes a Tuberculosis screening and 10 panel drug test. Information about this requirement will be distributed to students at the department orientation in the spring/summer after acceptance.
- Students who are applying for a second attempt in a Health Professions Program must submit a re-entry admission form available in the Admissions Office or at the website listed below.

Physical Therapist Assistant

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, The American Physical Therapy Association, 1111 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, VA 22314, (703) 684-2782.

Duties include assisting the physical therapist in implementing treatment programs according to the plan of care, training patients in exercises and activities of daily living, conducting treatments, using special equipment, administering modalities and other treatment procedures and reporting to the Physical Therapist on the patient's responses. Graduates find employment in hospitals, outpatient facilities, private practices, skilled nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, schools and industry.

Program Facts about Physical Therapist Assistant

- This program was established in 1975.
- Approximately 525 students have graduated since the program's inception.
- The college accepts on the average 24 students each fall semester.
- Graduates find employment within 3 months of graduation.
- This is considered a career-track degree program. However, advisement and assistance are available to those who wish to progress to an advanced program.

Admissions Requirements

Academic Requirements:

- Earned a high school diploma or GED.
- Eligible to take Freshman English I (ENG 101).
- Eligible to take Elementary Algebra (MAT 101) or equivalent with a 2.0 or higher or have completed Developmental Algebra (MAT 020).
- Completed within 5 years of deadline: Intro to Biology (BIO 110) or Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 111), with a 2.0 or higher; or High School AP Biology (score of 3, 4, or 5); or a passing grade on the Biology CLEP examination.
- Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Department Specific Requirements:

- Submit Physical Therapy practitioner observation form with essay (15 hour minimum with documentation).
- Attendance at a pre-admission orientation (includes interview with Dept Chair; Problem solving activity and discussion). At this orientation, students will receive and sign off on information pertaining to health forms, drug testing, and criminal record policies.

Selection Process

Students will be considered for admission into this program based on the completion of all mandatory eligibility requirements, highest combination of cumulative GPA and credits completed towards the program* (listed below), and seats available. Students must meet all of the above requirements to be considered for admission into the program.

All Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Eligibility Requirements must be completed before February 1st in order for a student to be given priority consideration for admission into the program for the fall semester.

***Though not admissions requirements, completing the courses below will enhance your eligibility**

(28 credits): Please be aware that if you have not taken the course within the timeframe listed below, you must retake the course.

ENG 101	Freshman English I (11101)**	(3 cr.)
ENG 102	Freshman English II (11102)	(3 cr.)
COM 101	Foundations of Communication (13110)	(3 cr.)
PSY 101	General Psychology I (25111)	(3 cr.)
PSY 220	Developmental Psychology (25120)	(3 cr.) – must have been completed within 5 yrs of program entry
BIO 111	Anatomy and Physiology I (31105)	(4 cr.) – must have been completed within 5 yrs of program entry
BIO 112	Anatomy and Physiology II (31105)	(4 cr.) – must have been completed within 5 yrs of program entry
MAT 101	Elementary Algebra or higher (38103)	(3 cr.)
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness (99197-8)	(1 cr.)
PES ---	Physical Ed. (Activity Course) (99----)	(.5 cr.)
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**The numbers in parenthesis () are course numbers prior to Summer 2007.