

PTA Program Observation Paper

All Physical Therapist Assisting (PTA) program applicants who have not completed the required 40 volunteer/observation hours must submit an observation paper according to the guidelines below *prior to submitting their application*.

Research at least three different practice settings that a PTA may work in and discuss your understanding of the PTA's role in each setting and the types of patients they would treat. Include information that details the day-to-day responsibilities of the PTA; the level of supervision the PTA needs from the physical therapist; and a description of the kinds of tasks delegated to the PTA in each setting. These settings include skilled nursing, acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient orthopedics and home health care.

Follow the guidelines below:

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Your Name

August 8, 2023

- Heading (as above): Three lines, single-spaced and centered with the date of application
- Body: Two pages, double-spaced with 1-inch margins and five paragraphs
- Font: Calibri, 12-point
- Word Count: 650-750
- Must be well written with good grammar and no spelling or punctuation errors

You will upload this paper along with a scanned copy of your completed Experience Verification Form that documents 39 or fewer hours completed and scanned copies of any printed media from the facilities you observed with your application to the PTA Program.

Students who submit this paper and are accepted into the program with fewer than 40 observation hours will be expected to complete any remaining hours and submit an additional experience verification form before starting the PTA program.