



# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

East Liverpool Campus

Physical Therapist Assistant Program  
Application Information Packet

2022



## 2022 East Liverpool Campus

### Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) Major

#### Technical Study Application Information

This packet contains important information about the application and selection process for acceptance to technical study in the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) major at Kent State University (KSU). ***It is each applicant's responsibility to acquire, read and understand the application and selection process as described in this packet and available on the PTST webpage. All applicants should meet with an academic advisor while preparing to apply to PTST technical study (PTA Program).***

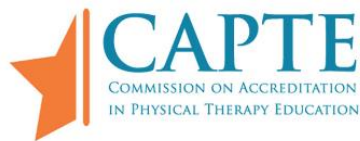
Students in the PTST major, who meet the minimum qualifications, must apply and be accepted to technical study. The online application to PTST technical study at East Liverpool is due by **April 1, 2022**. Evidence that the applicant meets the minimum qualifications must be received on or before the application deadline. **It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials are received in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program office.**

The selection committee ranks and accepts a maximum of 28 students annually to PTST technical study. **Accepted students will begin critical (!) PTST courses in Fall Semester, 2022.** Applicants who have not completed BSCI 11010 may be accepted conditionally with the expectation that this course is passed with a grade of "C" or better in the Summer session **prior** to the start of critical courses.

Students interested in the PTST major are encouraged to attend a scheduled Information Session on either the Ashtabula or East Liverpool campus. Topics during these sessions include: review of the minimum qualifications, the application and selection processes, and expectations of students accepted to PTST technical study, and current career information.

Academic advisors are available on the East Liverpool and Ashtabula campuses to help students in the PTST major select courses and plan for success. It is strongly recommended that all PTST students meet regularly, in person or by phone, with an advisor. To schedule an advising appointment, contact the PTA program office at 330-382-7448 or [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu).

Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology at Kent State University. We look forward to helping you reach your career goals.



Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) at Kent State University Ashtabula Campus, the expansion program on the East Liverpool Campus, and the Athletic Trainers Transition (PTST-ATT) concentration are each accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@APTA.org](mailto:accreditation@APTA.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Tiffany Kiphart, PTA Program Director at 440-964-4579 or via e-mail at [tkiphart@kent.edu](mailto:tkiphart@kent.edu)

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **Program History & Accreditation**

Kent State University at East Liverpool (KSU-EL) was first accredited in 1989 by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) as a Physical Therapist Assistant program. The program was expanded in 1996 to the Ashtabula Campus (KSU-A). The PTA programs on each campus sought and received independent accreditation from 2005 to 2013. In 2009, KSU-A was also accredited to offer the Athletic Trainers Transitions concentration, which provides advanced placement to certified athletic trainers.

In April, 2013, KSU received CAPTE approval to re-structure the administration of the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) degree programs under one director and with one accreditation for all degree options offered at Kent State University (KSU). Independently, the three degree options have consistently received the longest accreditation periods possible. In November 2015, all three programs were re-accredited for 10 more years.

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### **Mission**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kent State University prepares graduates to be employed as physical therapist assistants who work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Graduates will have the critical thinking skills, excellent knowledge base, competent technical skills, and behaviors consistent with expectations of the physical therapy profession and the communities it serves.

### **Program Goals**

**The PTA Program will,**

- 1. Graduate students who**
  - a. Earn an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology
  - b. Pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination
  - c. Are employed as a licensed physical therapist assistant
  - d. Provide safe and effective patient care in a legal, ethical and culturally competent manner
- 2. Provide a curriculum that**
  - a. Is current, relevant and effective
  - b. Includes a variety of appropriate learning experiences in both the academic and clinical settings
  - c. Is sequential and cumulative to facilitate student achievement of the curriculum objectives
- 3. Retain faculty who**
  - a. Are qualified to teach their content areas
  - b. Model and mentor the behavioral expectations of physical therapy practitioners
  - c. Foster an environment of mutual respect and collaborative learning

### **AAS-PTST Degree**

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) provides students with the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to become licensed or certified as a physical therapist assistant (PTA).

Licensure or certification in most states requires graduation from an accredited PTA program, background clearances, and passing the National Physical Therapy Examination.

The integrated curriculum includes lecture, lecture/lab, seminar and practicum courses. Core PTST course content is cumulative and taught in four sequential semesters in a two-year cycle. The Technical Study curriculum requires students to be on campus or in the clinic three to five days per week each term.

Three practicum courses require students to complete a minimum of 640 off-campus clinical education hours under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. Under certain circumstances, students in practicum courses are required to attend clinical rotations on days outside of the academic calendar. These circumstances may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or on days when classes are cancelled. Examples include: certain holidays, spring recess, snow days and/or prior to the start of semesters. The clinical education schedule is included in this information packet.

Contracted clinical education sites normally require students to demonstrate both medical and background clearances, as well as the ability to perform the core tasks and essential job functions of a physical therapist assistant. Students who are unable to perform the core tasks and essential job functions, or who cannot demonstrate medical and background clearance may not be able to complete the requirements for the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology degree.

**Admission to the PTST major is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent. Acceptance to Technical Study (PTA Program) is a selective process.**

### **Student Outcomes**

The Kent State University graduate with an AAS-PTST degree demonstrates the ability to provide physical therapy services in a legal, ethical and culturally competent manner.

1. Provides appropriate and effective physical therapy interventions within the plan of care established by a physical therapist.
2. Effectively communicates with others, teaching or instructing when appropriate.
3. Produces legal and ethical documentation to meet professional expectations and the needs of third party payers.
4. Ethically manages fiscal and human resources to provide high-quality, efficient and cost-effective physical therapy services.
5. Consistently demonstrates the value-based behaviors of a physical therapist assistant.

### **CAREERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY**

The physical therapist (PT) and physical therapist assistant (PTA) are part of a team of healthcare professionals who help patients achieve their goals to improve physical function, whether those goals are to be able to walk or to set an athletic achievement record. Information about physical therapy, [the Role of a Physical Therapist](#), and the [Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant](#) is available at the American Physical Therapy Association website at [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org), the [Home : Occupational Outlook Handbook: : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov); or O\*Net Online [Summary Report: Physical Therapist Assistants](#) at [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org).

**Physical Therapist Assistant Career Overview** (Retrieved from [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org); May 2020)

Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist are the only providers of physical therapy services. In many practice settings, physical therapists rely

on the PTA to assure that all patients/clients have access to physical therapy services. Physical therapy has a long history of returning individuals to their maximum level of physical function and in many cases, patients are being sent to physical therapy instead of surgery. Patients/clients value the individualized, "hands on" approach that characterizes physical therapy care. When a physical therapist sees a patient/client for the first time, he or she examines that individual and develops a plan of care that promotes the ability to move, reduces pain, restores function, and prevents disability. The physical therapist may choose to utilize a PTA in the provision of components of the physical therapy treatment. The physical therapist, PTA, and the patient/client then work side-by-side to make sure that the goals of the plan or care are met.

Depending on the particular needs of a patient/client, physical therapists may direct components of a patient/client's interventions (treatments) to a PTA. PTAs provide a variety of physical therapy techniques as they carry out the physical therapist's plan of care for the patient, including therapeutic exercise, functional training, deep soft tissue massage, and physical modalities such as electrotherapy and ultrasound. PTAs may also assist the physical therapist by working with individuals to prevent loss of mobility by implementing fitness- and wellness-oriented programs for healthier and more active lifestyles.

## **Required Licensure to Work as a PTA**

***Licensure or Certification is required to work as a Physical Therapist Assistant.*** Earning an associate degree from an accredited PTA program is the first step in being eligible for licensure as a physical therapist assistant. Graduates must also pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and meet all the standards of the state jurisdiction where they plan to work. Each student is responsible for understanding the laws and rules controlling the practice of physical therapy in their home state. The Federation of State Boards in Physical Therapy ([www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org)) manages the NPTE and provides access to [licensing authorities](#). In Ohio the licensure process is under the direction of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. (<http://OTPTAT.ohio.gov/>)

**After Graduation** Physical Therapist Assistants have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills through APTA's [PTA Advanced Proficiency Pathways program](#). Content areas are acute care, cardiovascular/pulmonary, geriatrics, oncology, orthopedics, pediatrics, and wound management. Participants receive guidance from a self-designated clinical mentor who has expertise in the content area. The program is voluntary; PTAs are not required to participate in order to work in a specific area.

## **Market Outlook**

The [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor and Statistics](#) projects that between the years 2019-2029, the need for PTAs will increase by 33% (15,100 job openings) in response to the healthcare needs of a growing elderly population

O-Net Online reports the median wages for PTAs in 2020 at \$59,770 annually, with a mean hourly wage of \$28.74. Pay rates for skilled nursing facilities and casual call therapists tend to be higher due to the high demand for personnel in these positions. **While the national job outlook is strong, local demand for PTAs may vary.** Projected annual job openings in the state of Ohio between 2018-2028=970 jobs annually. (retrieved from [O-Net Online](#) May 2021)

## **EXPECTATIONS OF PTST STUDENTS**

### **Essential Functions of a PTA**

Essential functions are the abilities, knowledge, and skills required for a career as a physical therapist assistant. The [Summary Report for 31-2021.00 Physical Therapist Assistant](#), provides a detailed list of the technology, tools, knowledge, skills, abilities, work activities and work context, as well as other PTA career related information.

PTA students must be confident that, with reasonable accommodations, they are able to perform the essential functions of a PTA. Impairments that limit the student's ability to perform core tasks may affect program progression, licensure, and career opportunities. Any future PTA student with a concern regarding the ability to perform core tasks, should discuss this with a program advisor.

*Core Tasks of a PTA: partial list of the work activities of a PTA*

- Instruct, motivate, safeguard, and assist patients as they practice exercises or functional activities.
- Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on their response and progress and provide results to the physical therapist in person or through progress notes.
- Confer with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, or coordinating treatment.
- Administer active or passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, aquatic physical therapy, or heat, light, sound, or electrical modality treatments, such as ultrasound.
- Measure patients' range-of-joint motion, body parts, or vital signs to determine effects of treatments or for patient evaluations.
- Communicate with or instruct caregivers or family members on patient therapeutic activities or treatment plans.
- Transport patients to and from treatment areas, lifting and transferring them according to positioning requirements.
- Secure patients into or onto therapy equipment.
- Train patients in the use of orthopedic braces, prostheses, or supportive devices.
- Assist patients to dress, undress, or put on and remove supportive devices, such as braces, splints, or slings.

## **Background Clearances**

All students in PTST technical study are required to complete a civilian background check during the second semester and are expected to disclose the report to any assigned clinic site that requests the information. A negative report may prevent the student from being a) accepted as a student at a specific clinical site, b) approved by a jurisdiction for license, or c) being hired as a PTA. **Students who are refused placement in three clinic sites will not be able to complete the degree requirements for the AAS-PTST degree.** Students with concerns about their background should consult with an attorney, and their licensing authority.

The practice of physical therapy is regulated by state and federal law. Many jurisdictions require federal and state background clearances before a license is granted. Students with a previous conviction may not be approved to be licensed or sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

## **Medical Clearances**

Physical Therapy clinics have a duty to protect the patients and staff in their facilities, therefore licensed PTAs and students in PTST technical study are required to document their health status and are expected to provide this documentation to assigned clinic sites. Disclosure of personal medical information may include immunization records, drug test results, physical exam, laboratory tests, or other requested medical information.

Kent State University has no use for student medical or background information, other than to assist students to meet the requirements of contracted clinical education sites. Signed consent, by the student, allows the ACCE or Program Director to disclose requested confidential information to a student's assigned clinic site. The Program only serves as

a conduit between the student and clinic sites and does NOT maintain any electronic or paper images of a students' medical records.

**Statistics for East Liverpool Campus PTST Technical Study Students:** updated May 2021

CATALOG YEAR	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Start Date	Aug-14	Aug 15	Aug-16	Aug-17	Aug-18	Aug-19
Two year Graduation Date	May-16	May 17	May-18	May-19	May-20	May 21
OUTCOMES DATA						
2 year graduation rate	62.9%^	92%	89%	89.5%	94.4%	62.5%
NPTE First attempt	94.1%	87.5%	84%	64.7%	100%	*
NPTE All Attempts	100%	95.8%	92%	76.5%	100%	*
1 Year Employment Rate (Change from 6 month for 2014 grads)	100%	91%	88%	*	*	*

\* Incomplete Data

***Roadmap: East Liverpool AAS, PTST***

The PTST degree requires 65 credit hours with twenty-six (26) total courses, including clinical education experiences. The courses listed on the following page includes required Kent Core general studies and related courses that may be transferred from another institution or completed prior to applying to PTST technical study. The seventeen (17) **critical (!) courses** may only be taken after acceptance to PTST technical study and must be taken in the semester and order listed. The sequencing of critical (!) courses requires four semesters to complete the degree requirements, regardless of how many non-critical classes are completed prior to acceptance to PTST technical study.

It is recommended, but not required, that students complete some of the non-critical courses prior to applying for acceptance to technical study. Completing non-critical courses early increases the chance of being accepted and decreases the academic load during the four (4) semester of technical study. **Please note students accepted to PTST technical study that have complete non-critical courses prior to technical study admission, may not be a full - time (12 credit hours or more) student while completing the AAS-PTST degree.**

Curriculum details, including course descriptions, prerequisites and schedules are available in the Kent State University Catalog 2021

**Roadmap: EAST LIVERPOOL CAMPUS Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS, PTST)** This roadmap is a recommended plan of study. Courses and milestones designated as CRITICAL (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. **AY 2021-22** updated May 2021

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade
<b>Summer (Pre Technical Study Semester)</b>			
	BSCI 11010 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology I (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PSYC 11762 General Psychology (DIVD) (KSS)	3	C
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1	
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>SEMESTER ONE (Fall)</b>			
	AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare	1	C
	AHS 24010 Medical Terminology	1	C
	BSCI 11020 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology II (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PTST 10000 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	1	C
!	PTST 10011 Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	1	C
!	PTST 10001 Principles of Patient Care in Physical Therapy	4	C
!	PTST 10003 Clinical Conditions I	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER TWO (Spring)</b>			
	AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development	3	C
!	AHS 22002 Clinical Kinesiology	3	C
!	AHS 22003 Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1	C
!	PTST 10004 Physical Therapy Procedures I	4	C
!	PTST 11005 Physical Therapy Practice I	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>SEMESTER THREE (Summer)</b>			



!	PTST 11092 Clinical Education I (ELR) 4 weeks full-time	1	S
<b>SEMESTER FOUR (Fall)</b>			
!	PTST 22092 Clinical Education II (ELR) 6 weeks full-time	2	S
!	PTST 20003 Clinical Conditions II	2	C
!	PTST 20004 Physical Therapy Procedures II	4	C
!	PTST 22005 Physical Therapy Practice II	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER FIVE (Spring)</b>			
!	PTST 20006 Physical Rehabilitation Procedures	4	C
!	PTST 20008 Clinical Conditions III	2	C
!	PTST 20011 PTA Management of the Medically Complex Patient	2	C
!	PTST 20007 Physical Therapy Practice III	2	S
!	PTST 23092 Clinical Education Practicum III (ELR) 7 weeks full time	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>65</b>	

### **APPLICATION TO PTST TECHNICAL STUDY (PTA Program)**

#### **A. Minimum Qualifications for Consideration**

1. Admitted Kent State University student ([Apply Now](#))
2. Declared in the AAS-PTST major (see an Academic Advisor for instructions to change your major)
3. Submit the online [PTST Technical Study \(PTA Program\) Application](#) -- **The deadline is April 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
  - a. Late applications are considered on a first come, first served basis until the class is full.
  - b. **Admission to PTST technical study is a separate process from admission to the University and requires a separate application. Please see the link above**
  - c. There is no fee to apply for PTST Technical Study.
4. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA from the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more
5. Demonstrate readiness for college level coursework through one of the following methods: \*

- a. Results of ACT, SAT, or KSU admissions testing
- b. Complete all, AND earn a C/2.0 or better in all developmental courses prescribed during the KSU admissions process.

#### 6. Submit Observation Forms

- a. **UP TO THREE (3), with a MINIMUM of (2) Observation Forms**
  - ~ 20 hours of inpatient observation (a setting where the patient stays overnight)
  - ~ 20 hours of outpatient observation (a setting where the patient travels to the clinic site).
  - ~ Additional 20 hours of observation in ANY setting where Physical Therapy is performed is considered a BONUS observation experience and the applicant is awarded 5 extra points in the application scoring if they are “Highly Recommended” or “Recommended”
  - ~ Completed within two years of the application to technical study.
  - ~ Adhere to the guidelines and expectation of the clinic site.
  - ~ Maintain the confidentiality of all observed patients at the clinical site. State and federal law prohibits revealing patient names or other personal information.
- b. Schedule: Contact PT departments near your work or residence.
  - ~ Tell them you are applying to a PTA program.
  - ~ Ask if you could spend time observing in their clinic to learn more about the profession.
  - ~ Schedule the times you will be at the clinic site.
  - ~ Applicants are not permitted to complete observation hours (for program application) with relatives.
  - ~ Upon completion of each observation experience: Applicant completes Part I of the Observation & Recommendation Form
  - ~ Ask the licensed PT or PTA that was observed to complete Part II of the form.
  - ~ Ask the PT clinic to fax the form directly to the Kent State University PTA Department. Forms are not accepted from the applicant and cannot be reviewed at any time by the applicant.
  - ~ Watch for email confirmation that the form was received. Forms are kept on file in the PTA office for 2 years.

Applicants are considered for acceptance when registered in the KSU courses needed to be minimally qualified in #5- Demonstrate readiness for college level coursework.

Applicants are Not Qualified for acceptance to technical study if “Not Recommended” on two Observation Forms, receive zero (0) points from the applicant assessment, or are banned from any clinic site.

## B. Recommended Preparation

1. Attend an Information Session, scheduled monthly on each campus.
2. Schedule advising appointments each semester. Academic advising is done via email, (user@kent.edu), telephone or in person. Call 330-382-7448 or email [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu) to schedule an appointment.
3. Complete all coursework needed to meet the minimum qualifications for acceptance to technical study.
4. Complete non-critical PTST courses to build technical study application points (See Selection Process).
5. Schedule and complete observation time in two (2) Physical Therapy departments.
6. Submit the online Application to PTST Technical Study.

## C. Plan for Applicant Assessment Day

Group assessments of the top 45 most academically qualified applicants are schedule via kent.edu email notification. Applicants selected for the assessment process will receive an email (user@kent.edu) invitation at least one week prior to assessment day date with instructions to confirm their assessment time. **All assessments will be conducted between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm on Friday, April 22, 2022.** You will be assigned a time between 9am and 4 pm, please do not schedule work or personal appointments during this time on this date.

The purpose of the assessment process is to assess the applicant's behaviors and readiness for a rigorous PTA program. Each applicant will complete 2 paper/pencil assessments followed by writing of 2 essay responses. All applicants are un-identified by name during the assessment process. Assessment sessions last for approximately 50 minutes in length and normally include 5-8 applicants with 3-4 faculty or staff members in the assessment room. Following completion of the applicant assessment day, a maximum of 50 points are assigned to the assessments based on the following areas:

- ~ Following Instructions
- ~ Professional Confidence
- ~ Speaking/Body Language Confidence
- ~ Time Management/Arrival Time
- ~ Professional Presentation
- ~ College Readiness
- ~ GRIT
- ~ Penmanship
- ~ Expression/Organization of Thought
- ~ Professional Maturity
- ~ Grammar
- ~ Spelling
- ~ Punctuation
- ~ Depth of Knowledge
- ~ Professional Language

## D. Selection Notification

The PTST Program uses the Applicant Selection Process (next page) to select UP TO 28 applicants to begin PTST technical study (PTA Program). It is the discretion of the program to determine the total number of selected students for each cohort. This number is based on applicant scores, national market for PTA employment and local opportunities for graduate employment. **All selection notifications are sent to the students KSU email address according to the following schedule.** Please do not call unless you did not received an email.

- Selected for Applicant Assessment Day – by one week after application deadline
- Not Qualified or Not Selected for further Assessment- by one week after application deadline
- Selection Process Results (Selected, Alternate & Not Selected) – by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May

Applicants not accepted to technical study in a given year may re-apply in a subsequent year. Observation and Recommendation forms are valid and kept in the PTA office for two (2) years after the last observation date. Students not selected are encouraged to meet with a program advisor to review the strength of their application and establish a plan to meet their academic and career goals.

If a student accepts a seat in the PTA Program and attends program orientation then withdraws from one or all PTST technical study courses, this is considered a Failure to Progress. If a student is offered a seat in the PTST technical study program but declines the offer they must re-apply to the technical study if they want to be considered for admission after the initial acceptance.

## **APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS**

All complete applications with documentation of the minimum qualifications are evaluated and ranked in the first three (2) selection criteria (\*). Points are assigned based on information acquired in the KSU academic record. The top 45 applicants are invited to complete the Applicant Assessment Process. Seats in the class are offered to the applicants with the highest total points in all 7 criteria. The program will select UP TO 28 students for each application cycle.

**Selection Criteria: 170 possible (with observation bonus included)**

### **1. \* Grade Point Average.....Maximum of 40 points**

4.0 - 40 points	3.6 - 28 points	3.2 - 16 points	2.8 - 0
3.9 - 37	3.5 - 25	3.1 - 13	2.7 - 0
3.8 - 34	3.4 - 22	3.0 - 10	
3.7 - 31	3.3 - 19	2.9 - 0	

***Note:** High School graduates with less than 12 college credit hours receive double GPA points in lieu of College Course Taken or Course Bonus points.*

### **2. \* College Courses Taken.....Maximum of 45 points**

Each of the 9 open enrollment courses are awarded points based on the grade received in each course:

**A = 5 points,      B = 3 points,      C = 1 points**

BSCI 11010	Foundational Anatomy & Physiology I or ATTR 25057 or BSCI 22010 or EXSC 25057
BSCI 11020	Foundational Anatomy & Physiology II or ATTR 25058 or BSCI 20020 or BSCI 22020 or EXSC 25058
AHS 12005	Lifespan Development
PSYC 11762	General Psychology
PTST 10000	Introduction to PTA
AHS 24010	Medical Terminology

Kent Core Courses: Humanities and Fine Arts; Mathematics and Critical Reasoning; Composition I

### **3. Essential Behaviors (from observation experiences) .....Maximum of 18 points**

A licensed therapist rates the applicant in 6 criteria based on experiences during observation hours.

**3 points possible for each criterion.** Points awarded for the lowest of the two ratings in each criteria.

~ Reliability / Accountability	~ Inquisitiveness, Motivation, Independence
~ Verbal / Non-verbal communication	~ Professionalism, Maturity, Ability to work with others
~ Interpersonal / Skills	~ Intellectual Potential, Judgment & Common Sense

**4. Observation Experience Recommendation .....Maximum of 12 points**

Highly recommended	12	Average of all recommendations for total points
Recommended	6	
Recommended with reservation	0	
Not Recommended	-12	

**Note:** Students “not recommended” by two clinicians are not considered for acceptance into PTST technical study

**5. Applicant Assessment.....Maximum of 50 points**

**6. Observation Bonus (if “highly recommended” or “recommended”).....Maximum of 5 points**

## Transfer Student Policies

### *Transfer course credit*

The Kent State University (KSU) Transfer Center evaluates the transcripts provided during the KSU admissions process. All previous coursework is recorded and recognized as “Earned Credit”. Any course listed as equivalent to a KSU course in the [Transfer Credit Guide](#) is guaranteed to transfer to KSU as the course listed. Any student with a previously earned bachelor’s degree automatically receives credit for all Kent Core general studies requirements if a “C” or better was earned in general education courses.

Students may petition a department to re-evaluate any transfer course that does not have an equivalent KSU course. [Indicated by KSU course numbers with an “X” (Example: PSYC 1X135)]. Petitions may only be submitted after the student is accepted to KSU and the Transfer Center has completed the process of evaluating the transcript. Please consult your advisor regarding the process to petition for transfer credit.

Students must monitor the Graduation Planning System (GPS) Audit to confirm that transfer courses are recognized as meeting the graduation requirements of the AAS-PTST degree. Petitions to recognize transfer course credit should be completed during the first semester at KSU.

### *Transfer from another PT or PTA Program*

Students who transfer from another physical therapist or physical therapist assistant degree program must apply and be accepted to PTST technical study. **Courses previously completed at another institution do not transfer as equivalent to PTST courses at KSU.**

Credit by Exam (CBE) is available by department approval for certain PTST courses in the curriculum. Students requesting department approval for CBE must apply and be accepted to PTST technical study; and provide documentation of the following from their previous academic experience.

- a. Institution – Good academic standing and cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better.
- b. PT or PTA coursework – Minimum grade of C in comparable coursework as demonstrated with official transcripts and a course syllabus, or a credentials evaluation for foreign educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

Students approved for CBE have one (1) attempt to pass the written and final exams with 72% or better. Any student who is unsuccessful in CBE must take and pass the course.

Upon faculty approval for CBE,

- a. The faculty provide the student with a course syllabus, including textbook, required reading and course objectives. Upon request the student is also provided with lecture objectives.
- b. The student submits the CBE form and pays the required fees to the KSU Registrar’s Office.
- c. The student independently studies for and completes the proctored exam(s).

### *Transfer between campuses at Kent State University*

Students apply and are accepted to PTST technical study at either the Ashtabula or the East Liverpool campus. Once admitted to technical study, a student is encouraged to complete the degree at that campus. Students who are in good academic standing have one opportunity to request a transfer to the other campus. **Note:** Transferring between

campuses is a Failure to Progress, as defined in this Program Handbook, which will result in delayed graduation and may require competency testing to re-enter technical study.

Approval of a campus transfer request is dependent upon the availability of a seat in the class. Students who transfer to the other campus in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of technical study must complete all remaining degree requirements and graduate from that campus.

### *Transfer between health care programs at Kent State University*

Students who have been dismissed for academic reasons from a health care program at Kent State University are eligible to apply for acceptance to technical study in another health care program at KSU as long as they meet the admission requirements of the program to which they are transferring to and there is available space in the program.

Students who have been dismissed from a health care program at any campus of Kent State University for other specified reasons may not enroll in another health care program or transfer to another campus within the same health care program. Specified reasons include, but are not limited to: failure to pass a background check screening, falsification of information or documentation, plagiarism, unprofessional behavior, use of drugs or alcohol, breach of confidentiality, threatening or manipulative behavior, failure to maintain professional boundaries with clients, and other behavioral or ethical issues identified at the discretion of the Dean. This does not include dismissals for academic reasons.

The health care programs referred to herein include nursing, occupational therapy assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology and respiratory therapy technology, and any other health-related programs identified by the Dean.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Working While in PTST Technical Study**

Many students continue to work while completing the critical courses in PTST technical study, however the ability to do this is dependent upon work schedule flexibility, semester schedule and credit hour load, as well as the student's learning style and other responsibilities. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and must be available for the required full-time clinical education experiences during the final year. It is strongly recommended that students not work full-time once accepted to technical study.

### **Tuition and Fees**

It is recommended that the applicant review updated tuition and fees information prior to application to the program. Please visit [Tuition at Kent State University](#) and choose the most applicable starting semester to inquire about tuition. Also be sure to choose the Regional Campuses option, for undergraduate coursework for the most up to date tuition information. Also note that tuition is based on your state of residency. Students in the following counties are eligible for a tuition surcharge reduction up to \$6,000 per year (depending on number of registered hours): Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania.

Additional information is available at <http://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees> or by contacting the East Liverpool financial aid office at 330-382-7557. Please see the [Bursar's webpage](#) for further information or questions.



## **Tuition Guarantee**

Beginning with the fall 2018 academic year, Kent State will offer all eligible new first-year undergraduate and transfer students the certainty that the Ohio resident tuition rate (i.e. instructional and general fee) career services fee, as well as room and board plan charges will not increase for their applicable cohort rate. Please see the [New Tuition Guarantee link for more information](#).

There is a \$24 per credit hour fee for most PTST courses to cover the cost of lab supplies and some course and program requirements. Fully online undergraduate courses are also assessed an additional \$10 per credit hour fee. The current cost sheet specific to the PTA program is found in this information packet.

## **Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Many students in PTST technical study receive some form of financial aid. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please start by completing the FAFSA form (government financial eligibility form) online at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). Information on general financial aid and scholarships is available from the [Office of Financial Aid](#), or 330-382-7557. It is not recommended that you contact the Kent campus On-Stop for financial aid assistance.

[Kent State University Administrative Policy 8-01.4](#) provides information regarding the formal complaint process at Kent State University. Complaint forms and process may be obtained from the Assistant Dean.

## **Equal Opportunity**

In academic and student programs, it is the policy of this University that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any student or applicant for admission as a student because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, handicap, or identity as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such policy shall apply to, but not necessarily be limited to, the following: recruiting, admission, access to programs, financial aid, and social, recreational, and health programs. This policy shall be applicable to all campuses and units of the University. This policy shall also apply with reference to discrimination on a basis of age insofar as required by law. Inquiries regarding federal regulations and state law may be directed to the Office of Affirmative Action, Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.

## **Access and Accommodations**

Kent State University recognizes its responsibility for creating an institutional climate in which students with disabilities can succeed. In accordance with University Policy, if you have a documented disability, you may request accommodations to obtain equal access and to promote your learning in this program. Please contact Danielle Baker-Rose, the Disability Specialist, by e-mail [dbaker13@kent.edu](mailto:dbaker13@kent.edu) to inquire about appropriate accommodations. After your eligibility is determined, you will be given a letter, which when presented to your instructors, will help us know best how to assist you.

## Technical Study Schedule: East Liverpool Campus PTST Class of 2024

Term	Academic	Dates	Notes
Spring 2022	Technical Study Application Deadline	April 1, 2022	
Summer 2022		May 19-Aug 17, 2022	Must complete BSCI 11010
Fall 2022	Semester 1	Aug 25-Dec 18, 2022	Must complete BSCI 11020, PTST 10000 and AHS 24010 in addition to critical PTST courses
Fall Break 2022		Oct 13-16, 2022	
Spring 2023	Semester 2	Jan 17-May 10, 2023	Must complete AHS 12010, 12005 AND critical PTST courses
Spring Break 2023		March 27-April 2, 2023	
Summer 2023		May 18-Aug 16, 2023	Recommend completion of Kent Core requirements
	Practicum in CE I	*unavailable at time of publishing	Full-time, 4 weeks
Fall Term 2023	Semester 3	*unavailable at time of publishing	
	Classes	*unavailable at time of publishing	9 week classes
	Fall Break	*unavailable at time of publishing	
	Practicum in CE II	*unavailable at time of publishing	Full-time 6 weeks
	Apply for Graduation	*unavailable at time of publishing	FlashLine application available October - January
Spring 2024	Semester 4	*unavailable at time of publishing	
	Classes	*unavailable at time of publishing	8 week classes
	Spring Recess	*unavailable at time of publishing	NOTE: This break is different from the KSU Academic Calendar
	Practicum in CE III	*unavailable at time of publishing	Full-time, 7 weeks
	Capstone Week	*unavailable at time of publishing	
	Graduation	May 2024	
	National PTA Examination	July, 2024	

NOTE: Under certain circumstances, PTST students in Practicum courses are required to attend clinicals on days outside of the academic calendar. These circumstances may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or on days when classes are cancelled, but the campus remains open. Examples include certain holidays, spring recess, snow days, and/or prior to the start of semesters.

**ALL DATES LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Anticipated Tuition & Fee Costs for the PTST Technical Study Students

(Revised May 2021 for academic year 2021-22)

Anticipated tuition and fees incurred by PTST and PTST-ATT students in academic year 2021-22 are based on current information provided by the Kent State University Bursar's Office. Costs per semester will vary, depending on academic load, courses previously completed, and the delivery method. Please note that tuition and fees reflect the amount approved for academic year 2020-21 and are subject to change.

### A. Summary of Expected Costs per Course (Estimated and Subject to Change)

Course	Credit Hour	Tuition <sup>1</sup>		Course Fees <sup>4</sup>	Additional Fees for Online Courses <sup>5</sup>		Textbooks <sup>6</sup>
		Ohio <sup>2</sup>	Non-Ohio Resident <sup>3</sup>		Ohio	Non-Ohio Resident	
AHS 12010	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	--	\$12	\$22	0
AHS 12005	3	\$893.61	\$1971	--	\$36	\$66	\$100
AHS 22002	3	\$893.61	\$1971	--	--	--	\$135
AHS 22003	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	--	--	--	\$135
AHS 24010	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	--	\$12	\$22	\$48
BSCI 11010	3	\$893.61	\$1971		--	--	\$100
BSCI 11020	3	\$893.61	\$1971		--	--	\$100
PSYC 11762	3	\$893.61	\$1971		\$462	\$492	\$65
Kent Core	15	\$3280.44	\$9855		\$154/r	\$164/hr	unknown
PTST 10000	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	--	\$12	\$22	\$40
PTST 10011	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	\$24			\$100
PTST 10001	4	\$1191.48	\$2628	\$96	--	--	\$106
PTST 10003	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$95
PTST 10004	4	\$1191.48	\$2628	\$96	--	--	\$78
PTST 10010	8	\$2382.96	\$5256	\$96	--	--	\$355
PTST 11005	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$35
PTST 11092	1	\$298.87	\$667.87	\$24	--	--	0
PTST 20003	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	--	--	\$73

PTST 20004	4	\$1191.48	\$2628	\$96	--	--	\$90
PTST 20006	4	\$1191.48	\$2628	\$96	--	--	\$165
PTST 20008	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$100
PTST 22005	2 <sup>6</sup>	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	0
PTST 22007	2 <sup>6</sup>	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$75
PTST 22092	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	0
PTST 23092	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	0
PTST 20011	2	\$595.74	\$1335.74	\$48	\$24	\$44	0

1. Tuition and fees are established annually by the KSU Board of Directors.
2. Ohio Residents: \$274.50 per credit hour; or \$3018.50 for 12-18 credit hours. Does not include fees.
3. Non-Ohio Residents: \$664 per credit hour; or \$7672 for 12-18 credit hours or more per semester. Does not include fees. (Students in the following counties are eligible for a tuition surcharge reduction: Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania. Contact financial aid for details.)
4. PTST Course/Program Fees: \$24 per credit hour in selected courses.
5. Distance Learning fees for fully online courses: Resident = \$12.00/hr, Non-Ohio Resident = \$22.00/hr.
6. Approximate pricing for Textbooks

**B. *ESTIMATED* Cost to complete all course requirements on the PTST or PTST-ATT Roadmap.**

	PTST East Liverpool		PTST Ashtabula		PTST-ATT Ashtabula		
	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Out of State tuition
Pre Semester	10	\$2980	10	\$2980	--	--	--
Semester 1	12	\$3018	13	\$3018	12	\$3576	\$7884
Summer	--	-	-	-	--		
Semester 2	16	\$3018	16	\$3018	15	\$3018	\$9855
Summer	1	\$298	--	--	--		
Semester 3	13	\$3018	12	\$3018	9	\$2682	\$5913
Summer	--		2	\$596	--		
Semester 4	13	\$3018	13	\$3018	6	\$1788	\$3942
<b>Tuition</b>		\$15,350		\$15,648		\$11,064	\$27,594
<b>Course Fees</b>		\$650 <sup>1</sup>		\$650 <sup>1</sup>		\$450 <sup>1</sup>	\$450 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Textbooks &amp; Subscriptions</b>		\$1,138		\$1,138		\$1,138	\$1,138
<b>Distance Learning / Online Fees</b>		Not Required		Not Required		\$654	\$844
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$17,138</b>		<b>\$17,436</b>		<b>\$13,2306</b>	<b>\$30,026</b>

1. **Course Fees: PTST Technical Study:** Disposable lab supplies, Gait Belt & Goniometer, Nametag, Acadaware, Exercise Pro Live Subscription, Theraband Sample Pack, Online Advantage exam, NPTE Review Course, APTA Membership, PEAT Exam, Scorebuilder's Basecamp

**C. Additional Expenses normally incurred by PTST & PTST-ATT students.**

Physical examination and current immunizations (Cost varies by provider)

CPR certification (Approximately \$35-50)

Clinical education expenses: Travel, uniform, meals, drug test, additional background checks

Fees associated with becoming licensed (Approximately \$750)

Cost for travel, lodging and meals to attend the six (6) required on-campus ATT 3-day lab weekends.

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**Instructions for Students – PART I**

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- Print clinic site name and contact information
- Provide beginning date, end date and total observation hours
- BE SURE TO USE THE CORRECT FORM FOR INPATIENT/OUTPATIENT/BONUS
- Indicate the patients and/or settings observed providing PT services
- Sign and date the declarations.
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# Kent State University Physical Therapist Assistant Program

## 2022 **INPATIENT** Observation & Recommendation Form

### PART I: Completed by Applicant

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ KSU Email \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Site Name \_\_\_\_\_ PT Dept. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Observation Dates \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Total Hours at this Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

#### Applicant Declarations:

- *I am aware that any dishonesty will disqualify my application to PTST technical study.*
- *My signature waives my right to review this completed form.*

#### Check all observed PT services.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acute care      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sub acute care  | <input type="checkbox"/> Geriatrics       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletes         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Center  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Health     | <input type="checkbox"/> School           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital        | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice |

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: Completed by a LICENSED PT or PTA

Rate the applicant on each of these behavioral characteristics as demonstrated during the observation time. (Please mark one box for each characteristic)

CHARACTERISTIC	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Reliability / Accountability			
2. Verbal / Non-verbal Communication			
3. Interpersonal Skills			
4. Inquisitiveness, Motivation & Independence			
5. Professionalism, Maturity, Ability to work with others			
6. Intellectual Potential, Judgment & Common Sense			

#### Recommendation of this applicant. (Select One)

- ☐ Highly recommended
- ☐ Recommended
- ☐ Recommended with reservation
- ☐ Not recommended

Evaluating Therapist Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ State & License # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Kent State University Physical Therapist Assistant Program

### 2022 **OUTPATIENT** Observation & Recommendation Form

**PART I: Completed by Applicant**

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Clinic Site Name \_\_\_\_\_ PT Dept. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Observation Dates \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendation of this applicant.** (Select One)

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## 2022 **BONUS** Observation & Recommendation Form

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