

IHCC
PTA Program Admissions Criteria
Fall 2017

Requirements for admission to the IHCC PTA Program include:

1. Minimum 2.5 GPA either in high school or college. If the student is using a GPA from college in order to gain admission to the PTA Program, the GPA must be based on a minimum of 8 college credits from one accredited institution.
2. Minimum ACT score of 20. *ACT not more than 5 years old*

OR

Minimum Compass Scores of:

- Reading 81
- Writing 70
- Pre-Algebra 49

OR

Minimum Accuplacer Scores of:

- Sentence Skills 105
- Reading 100
- Arithmetic 110

Compass Test or Accuplacer not more than 2 years old. Compass or Accuplacer test may not be taken more than 3 times in one calendar year. A minimum of 2 weeks must separate each attempt.

3. High School Transcript or general equivalency scores, even if the student is using a college GPA to meet entry requirements.
4. Transcript of all college work done prior to entering IHCC.
5. Application for admission that lists PTA under "program of study."
6. **A minimum of forty (40) hours** of exposure to the Physical Therapy Profession. These exposure hours may include hours spent: 1) observing a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant while working, 2) volunteering in a physical therapy department **or** 3) being employed in a physical therapy facility. These hours may be completed after acceptance but must be completed by the first day of class of Fall term; August 14, 2017.

Once admitted:

- Students must also complete a physical, have all required immunizations and complete the appropriate background checks. Physical/health requirements to be completed no later than September 28, 2017 for

all incoming PTA students in Fall 2017. Background check requirements to be completed by August 28, 2017.

- Students must take a general online orientation and then attend a face to face orientation for PTA in order to register for classes.

Acceptance and Matriculation rates:

Indian Hills Community College accepts up to 40 students in its PTA Program each Fall. The following is a list of how many students were accepted and how many entered the Program.

Year	Acceptance	Matriculation
2016	70	29
2015	71	34
2014	73	37
2013	63	39
2012	62	35
2011	61	42

**Indian Hills Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

Observation Form for Incoming Students in Fall 2017

Name: _____

Last 4 digits Social Security: _____ OR IHCC Student ID #: _____

In an attempt to assure that persons applying for acceptance into the IHCC Physical Therapist Assistant Program possess an understanding of the responsibilities and duties of Physical Therapist Assistants each prospective student is required to have a **minimum of forty (40) hours** of exposure to the Physical Therapy Profession. These exposure hours may include hours spent: 1) observing a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant while working, 2) volunteering in a physical therapy department **or** 3) being employed in a physical therapy facility.

Please have this form completed by the P.T. or P.T.A. whom you observed.

Facility	Date	Hours	O=observed V=volunteered E=employed	P.T./P.T.A Signature	License#

Return completed form by August 14, 2017 to:

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Indian Hills Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Observation Hours Guidelines

- It is the responsibility of each student to arrange their own schedule of observation hours, by contacting the facility, identifying themselves as an incoming Indian Hills PTA student, and requesting available opportunities to observe a licensed PT or PTA.
- During the time when a student is observing in a clinical setting, it is understood that they will be dressed professionally, in the manner that paid staff members are dressed. Unless otherwise noted by the facility representative, the dress code will be, for example, khaki pants, a nice shirt, such as a polo, and nice shoes (not tennis shoes or high heels, etc.). No T-shirts or jeans should be worn. No open-toed shoes are allowed, and socks are required. Excessive jewelry should be removed. Acceptable jewelry would include one set of non-dangling earrings. Any visible tattoos should be covered.
- Some facilities may require an observation student to participate in some form of orientation before seeing patient care. This may include signing a confidentiality form, indicating that a student agrees not to divulge any personally identifying information about patients that may encounter while observing patient care. **Whether or not a student signs a confidentiality agreement, it is understood that no private information will be shared with others who are not involved in the patient's care.**
- It is the expectation that students participating in observation of Physical Therapy practice will act professionally, using appropriate language, body posture and demeanor at all times. It is appropriate to ask questions of the PT or PTA that you are observing, and to assist when asked with equipment or supplies. A student will not be permitted to participate in hands-on patient care at this time.
- Physical Therapy settings that are appropriate for observation include hospital-based Physical Therapy, out-patient clinics, nursing home/rehab center physical therapy, home health care, Area Education Association therapy. All recorded observation time must be signed by a licensed Physical Therapist or PTA.