



**Idaho Consortium for
Physical Therapist Assistant Education**

College of Southern Idaho – College of Western Idaho
Lewis-Clark State College – North Idaho College

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

APPLICATION PACKET FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

FALL SEMESTER 2017

Welcome to the Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education admissions process. If you're filling out this form to apply for admission, you've come a long way! It contains a lot of detailed information, please read it thoroughly. The following will help you understand the requirements for admission and guide you through the process. There's a lot here – read carefully. Do not hesitate to contact the program director, your health programs advisor, or other physical therapist assistant (PTA) program faculty with concerns or questions during the process. Contact information is below.

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Space in the program is limited; therefore, admission will be competitive, based on an objective point procedure that has been strategically set up to predict student success.

The program admits students as follows:

- 10 students every other year at the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) - *there will be a class at CSI beginning fall 2017,*
- 14 students every year at the College of Western Idaho (CWI),
- 6 students every year at Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC), and
- 10 students every year at North Idaho College.

Students are accepted into a "cohort", a group of students who start the program at the same time, enroll, and complete the same program courses, perform clinical education and graduate together as a group. The program may not be taken part-time – it is a full-time commitment.

Prior to making application to the program, individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program and the pressures involved in undertaking the responsibilities of being a full-time PTA student.

Direct questions to:

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| • Leah Wilsey (CWI) | Director of Clinical Education
Interim PTAE Program Director | leahwilsey@cwidaho.cc | (208) 562-2052 |
| • Wayne Cardwell (NIC) | Advisor | wayne.cardwell@nic.edu | (208) 769-3445 |
| • Jacob Hornby (LCSC) | Advisor | jmhornby@lcsc.edu | (208) 792-2441 |
| • Specialist (CWI) | One Stop Student Services | onestop@cwidaho.cc | (208) 562-3000 |
| • Rene Rambur (CSI) | Health Programs Advisor | rrambur@csi.edu | (208) 732-6730 |

Accreditation Status

Effective November 11, 2015 the Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education at the College of Southern Idaho, the College of Western Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College, and North Idaho College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. The program's current status is probationary accreditation; for more information see <http://www.capteonline.org/WhatWeDo/RecentActions/PublicDisclosureNotices/>

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Application Checklist

*All materials must be postmarked **no later than Thursday, May 25, 2017.***

This sheet is provided for you to ensure that your application is complete.

You must fulfill all of the admission requirements specific to your selected college.

Admission Application to Your College

Complete Incomplete

- ✓ Not necessary if you are a current student.

Application to the PTA Consortium Program

Complete Incomplete

- ✓ This application must be complete.

College Transcripts

Complete Incomplete

- ✓ **NOTE: *The following applies only to students who are transferring credits in from another college. If you have taken courses only at the campus to which you are applying, IGNORE THIS STEP.***

CSI: Official high school, college, and military transcripts must be on file with the Office of the Registrar *prior* to submitting your PTA application.

It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes *prior* to submitting your PTA application.

CWI: Official college and military transcripts must be received by the One-Stop Office *prior* to submitting your PTA application.

It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes *prior* to submitting your PTA application.

NIC/LCSC: Official college and military transcripts are to be submitted after you apply to the program ***but no later than the application deadline.***

It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes immediately *after* submitting your PTA application.

Physical Therapy Clinical Observation/Work Letter(s) Complete Incomplete

- ✓ A copy of documentation showing that you have completed a minimum of 16 hours of observation in a physical therapy clinical setting. *All hours must be in observance of a physical therapist and/or PTA.* You must include proof of hours with a letter from each clinical site, if observation occurred at more than one setting.

- Submit a letter from each clinical site where you observed,
- Letters must be on the facility's formal letterhead,
- Letters must have the number of hours recorded, and
- Letters must signed/dated by the supervising physical therapist or PTA.

Individuals who work or have worked in a physical therapy setting may submit a letter with the same criteria.

Transcripts

Transcripts are required only if you have taken courses and are transferring credits from a college OTHER than the one to which you are applying.

Arrange for your official transcripts to be sent to your applicable college in order to be evaluated and reflected in your records. *It is not necessary to enclose a copy of transcripts with your PTA application.*

Example: If you have taken all your required general education/prerequisite courses at NIC *and* you are applying to attend the program at NIC, no transcripts are necessary. If you took all but two of your general education/prerequisite courses at NIC, took one required course at CSI and one required course at CWI, you must have your CSI and CWI official transcripts sent to NIC for evaluation.

Note:

It is highly recommended that students with transfer credits view their transcript evaluations before the application deadline to assure that they have courses that meet the prerequisite admission requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree, Physical Therapist Assistant.

Please note: *It is possible that transcripts received during the application period may not be evaluated until after the application deadline, therefore, it is essential that you follow the college's requirements for evaluation of transcripts and do so in a timely manner.*

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all required information is submitted and that documentation of all requirements is included in the application.

- Repeated courses: courses may be repeated *once* to improve a grade, no matter when the course was first taken. The *latest, most recent* grade will be used in the program admissions scoring process. If a course has been taken three or more times (*repeated* more than once), no application points will be awarded for that course.
- Application points will only be given for courses that have been completed prior to the application period, have a grade of C/2.0 or higher, and are included on official transcripts. In-progress coursework will not be awarded points toward program admission.
- If you are accepted, please be aware that the program is intense and will require the majority of your time and efforts. *Attendance* at each scheduled lecture and lab is mandatory. *Participation* in each scheduled lecture and lab is mandatory. From the start of the program, you will be expected to conduct yourself in a manner that is required for all health care providers. Merely showing up will not suffice – you must be invested in the program and in your studies. Please do not apply if you know that you do not have the enthusiasm, drive, and desire to immerse yourself in the program and in the profession. If you have questions in this regard, please speak with a member of the faculty or your advisor.

Any materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

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Application for Admission Fall 2017

- Place a check on the line of the consortium-member college to which you are applying *and* submit materials to the address listed below by **May 25, 2017**.
- *Remember, if you have not applied to the college itself, you must apply to the college as well as the PTA Program.*
- If you are applying to multiple locations, you must submit application materials to each location *and rate which college is your first choice, second choice, and so on.*
- If it isn't already a requirement of your college, we recommend submitting all your PTA application documentation together in one envelope clearly marked, "PTA Application." Please do not use staples.
- No additional materials will be accepted toward your application after the due date.
- Make and keep a copy of all application materials that you turn in.

If you are applying to multiple colleges: place a 1 for first choice, a 2 for second choice, etc., on the line next to the college name below.

Note: *If you apply to more than one college and you are selected to attend one of the colleges you've indicated, you cannot change to another college campus once you've agreed to attend the campus of your acceptance.*

If you are applying to one college only, place a ✓ on the line for that college:

_____ **College of Western Idaho**
Attention: One Stop
P.O. Box 3010, MS 3000
Nampa, Idaho 83653

_____ **North Idaho College**
Admissions Office
1000 W Garden Ave
Coeur d'Alene ID 83815

_____ **Lewis-Clark State College**
*(Please note: LCSC PTA applicants
submit materials to the NIC location
and must apply for admissions to NIC)*

_____ **College of Southern Idaho**
Health Sciences and Human Services Department
Attn: Rene Rambur
PO Box 1238
Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238

Submit this page - Keep a copy of all materials turned in

Please read and sign:

- I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission or expulsion from college.
- I understand that if I am accepted into the PTA Consortium Program, my admission will be *conditional*, dependent upon the background check. I also understand that the results of this check may prevent me from admission to the program.
- I understand that I will also have requirements to meet prior to participating in the program's clinical education components. These include, but are not limited to: CPR certification, TB testing, and other blood tests.
- I understand that, if accepted, I must attend the mandatory orientation session (date to be announced).
- I understand that if accepted at a consortium college campus, I must attend all courses and labs at that campus – no change of location will be permitted.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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Application Score Sheet

Grades earned in courses appearing on the official transcript at the application deadline and that meet the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant will be evaluated for points according to the point scale listed below.

- *Only the **Prerequisite Courses*** must be completed and recorded by the application deadline.
- Other completed **General Education** courses are listed below and awarded points based on recorded, official grades. These are not required for *admission* but will increase the overall application score.
- Courses that are not completed and therefore not recorded on transcripts receive no points – including those that are currently in progress.

Total Possible Points: 26

Prerequisite Courses	Grade	Point Scale	Points Earned
Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIOL 227)*		A = 8 B = 6 C = 4	
Medical Terminology (ALLH 101 or CAOT 179)		A = 5 B = 4 C = 3	
English Composition (ENGL 101)		A = 4 B = 3 C = 2	
Required General Education Math (MATH 123 or higher)		A = 4 B = 3 C = 2	

General Education Courses			
Anatomy and Physiology 2 (BIOL 228)*		A = 2 B = 1 C = 0	
Psychology (PSYC 101)		A = 1 B = 1 C = 0	
Communication (COMM 101)		A = 1 B = 1 C = 0	

***Must have been taken within the past seven years**

Residency			
In-State		1	

In the event there are applicants that are tied with an equal number of points, and the number of applicants outnumber the remaining open positions in the program, the following system will be used to determine who is selected:

1. Residents of the State of Idaho will be given preference. If there continues to be a tie, then...
2. Tied applicants who have provided official documentation of military service will be put at the top of their point category. If there continues to be a tie, then...
3. A random drawing of all the remaining tied applicants will be held for the final program slot/s.

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