

**Programmatic Technical Standards**

**(Physical Therapy Assistant)**

The attached listing has been prepared to assist you in understanding the technical standards of the **Physical Therapy Assistant** program in order to affiliate in the clinical agencies and ultimately practice the profession. The technical standards as stated here **are not** conditions of admission to a program of study. Rather, they reflect performance abilities necessary for a student to successfully complete the requirements of specified health programs. It should be noted that under the Americans With Disabilities Act “A qualified person with a disability is one who can perform the essential function of a job with or without reasonable accommodation.”

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN THIS COVER SHEET TO THE S.T.C.C. ADMISSIONS OFFICE PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES.**

This indicates that you have read and understand the Technical Standards established for the program you are enrolling in. You should keep the attached listing of Technical Standards for your reference.

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The **Physical Therapist Assistant** student must be able to meet the following technical standards:

- Lift, support and transfer patients who may be large or heavy
- Stretch, bend, kneel or squat as the need arises
- Perform bimanual activities easily
- Function in fast paced work situations
- Maintain a high energy level throughout the day
- Work standing for long periods of time
- Read meters and small scales accurately to ensure safe treatment
- Feel comfortable working in close contact with sick or injured patients who may have multiple problems and diagnoses
- Ability to motivate a sometimes discouraged patient
- Demonstrate patience and empathy with patients
- Ability to adapt to changing demands of the workplace
- Be prepared to treat a variety of patient problems/diagnoses
- Read charts and instructions accurately
- Demonstrate the emotional stability to exercise appropriate work ethics including the maintenance of confidentiality
- Retain factual information and use it appropriately
- Have all required immunizations
- Rigorously follow infection control procedure

- Communicate instructions and directions orally and in writing to patients and to and from other health professionals
- Possess interpersonal skills appropriate to work with supervisors, medical staff, patients, families and other professionals in order to insure quality patient care
- Demonstrate the emotional stability to exercise appropriate work ethics including the maintenance of confidentiality

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