



Physical Therapist Assistant

Minimum Admission Requirements (MAR)

Admission Deadline: October 15

All applicants must complete items 1 – 8 by the admission deadline to be eligible to participate in the competitive admission process.

1. Complete the Rowan-Cabarrus CC admission process:

Complete the online application (<https://www.rccc.edu/admissions/admissions-process/>) and submit official high school/equivalency and college transcripts. It can take approximately two weeks to receive and process transcripts, so please start this process early. A Success Navigator will communicate with applicants during the initial college admission process.

2. Meet North Carolina Community College Standards for English and Math:

Students must demonstrate readiness for college-level English and Mathematics. Readiness may be demonstrated by meeting at least one of the following criteria established by the college:

- a. An unweighted cumulative high school GPA of 2.4 or higher from a valid U.S. high school;
- b. Qualifying ACT and/or SAT scores;
- c. Qualifying scores on a college-administered placement test; or
- d. Successful completion of college-level English and mathematics coursework.

3. Successful completion of a Biology course:

Completion of a high school or college-level Biology course with a grade of “C” or higher, as documented on an official high school or college transcript received by the Admissions Transcript Office.

4. Meet with your assigned Allied Health Career & Academic Advisor:

Schedule an appointment for at least two weeks after official transcripts have been submitted. During this appointment, the Advisor will review the MAR, competitive entry point process, course registration, and applicant responsibilities related to competitive admissions. Please visit www.rccc.edu/support for Advisor availability and information on scheduling an appointment through Navigate.

5. Successful completion of the ATI TEAS Version 7:

- Schedule the exam at www.atitesting.com.
- Obtain a Total Score of 50% or higher.
- Obtain a Reading Score of 50% or higher.
- Submit your official score report to transcripts@rccc.edu; ATI TEAS scores must be from within two years prior to the semester of the admission cycle.



6. Attend the required Information Session:

The Physical Therapy Assistant Information Session is valid for 12 months from the date of completion. Students who are not accepted into the program are required to attend a new information session if their previous session occurred more than one year prior to the MAR deadline. Your Advisor will provide instructions for scheduling the session.

7. Completion of Observation/Shadowing Hours:

Applicants must complete a minimum of **24** hours of observation or shadowing in a physical therapy setting. The required hours must be completed across more than one site (i.e., all 24 hours may not be completed at a single location).

The following settings are strongly recommended to provide a well-rounded observation experience:

- a. Outpatient Physical Therapy – free standing Physical Therapy clinics
- b. Inpatient Physical Therapy
 - Hospital that treats overnight patients (acute care)
 - Skilled Nursing Facility (nursing home)
 - Rehabilitation hospital

8. Submit the Admission Eligibility Form (AEF):

File review for eligibility is required for each admission cycle. The AEF must be submitted through the applicant admissions portal and received by the advisor prior to the MAR deadline. It is the student's responsibility to ensure timely submission. Late or incomplete submissions may result in ineligibility for the current admission cycle.

Contingent Acceptance

Students who accept an offer of contingent acceptance into the Physical Therapy Assistant Program must complete the following requirements. Detailed information and required forms will be provided directly by the program:

❖ Current CPR Certification

Students must obtain CPR certification through the American Heart Association at the BLS Healthcare Provider Level, preferably at Rowan-Cabarrus Community College.

❖ Background Report/Drug Screen/Physical Examination/Current Immunization Documentation

Clinical facilities establish requirements for students assigned to their sites for clinical education. In addition, national and/or state registry and licensure boards may restrict eligibility for registry or licensure based on criminal background records.

Students who are denied access to a clinical facility for any reason will not be provided with an alternate placement. Without access to a clinical site, the student will be unable to meet required clinical objectives and therefore **will not be able to progress in the program**.