

Madisonville Community College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Clinical Experience Form

Instructions

Dear Physical Therapy Supervisor:

To be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Madisonville Community College, applicants must complete a minimum of eight (8) clock hours [with preference given for sixteen (16) or more clock hours] of physical therapy observation or volunteer experience *under the supervision of a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant*. A minimum of four (4) clock hours must be obtained in an acute care facility. Additional points will be granted for applicants completing up to 40 hours of volunteer/work experience and for applicants that complete their experience in more than one clinical setting.

The purpose of this experience is to assist the applicant in making an informed career choice based on their personal exposure to the clinical roles and responsibilities of a physical therapist assistant.

Volunteer Responsibilities

The volunteer is expected to be prompt, courteous and professional, ask questions, demonstrate initiative, keep track of his/her volunteer hours and document the activities that he/she was able to observe.

Clinician Responsibilities

We would appreciate it if a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant would:

- Explain the difference between the PT and the PTA
- Have the volunteer observe an evaluation
- Have the volunteer observe several different physical therapy interventions
- Have the volunteer observe patient/therapist interactions
- Discuss interesting patient diagnoses with the volunteer
- Initial the Clinical Experience Form following each observation experience
- Sign the Clinical Experience Form when the observation period is complete

Since preference for admission to the PTA Program may be based on the total number of observation hours obtained by this student, the authenticity of this information is critical. For this reason, we ask that you ***place the completed form in an envelope and sign across the seal.*** This envelope must be returned by the student to the PTA Program in their application package.

Thank you for allowing this prospective PTA applicant to obtain the required volunteer hours in your facility. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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