



# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application Information Packet

2024-25



**2024-2025**

## **Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

**Cohorts:**

*Ashtabula Campus*

*East Liverpool Campus*

*Accelerated Hybrid PTA Program for the NATA-BOC Certified Athletic Trainer*



The Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) at Kent State University Ashtabula Campus, the expansion program on the East Liverpool Campus, and the Athletic Trainers Transition (PTST-ATT) concentration are each accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085, telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@APTA.org](mailto:accreditation@APTA.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Tiffany Kiphart, PTA Program Director at 440-964-4579 or via e-mail at [tkiphart@kent.edu](mailto:tkiphart@kent.edu)

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This packet contains important information about the application and selection process for acceptance to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kent State University for the three cohort programs including the Ashtabula campus traditional program, the East Liverpool campus traditional program, and the accelerated hybrid PTA program for the NATA-BOC Certified Athletic Trainer. *It is each applicant's responsibility to acquire, read and understand the application and selection process as described in this packet and available on the PTST webpage. All applicants should meet with an academic advisor while preparing to apply to the PTA Program at Kent State University.*

Students who have declared the PTST major and have been accepted by Kent State University, and meet the minimum qualifications for application, must apply and be accepted to the PTA Program to begin technical study courses on the PTST roadmap.

**The following are the application deadlines for each cohort application cycle**

<b>Program Cohort</b>	<b>When Is the Application Deadline?</b>	<b>When Will I Start the Program?</b>	<b>When Will I Graduate?</b>	<b>What is the EARLIEST I Can be Practicing as a PTA?</b>
<b>Ashtabula Campus Traditional Face to Face Program</b>	<b>September 1, 2024</b>	January 2025	December 2026	January 2027
<b>Accelerated Hybrid PTA Program for NATA-BOC Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) *on Ashtabula Campus</b>	<b>Rolling</b>	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	To Be Determined *dependent on state requirements
<b>East Liverpool Campus Traditional Face to Face Program</b>	<b>April 1, 2025</b>	August 2025	May 2027	July 2027

All cohort applications use the same online application and can be found [HERE](#)

**It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all application materials are received in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program office by the published deadlines.**

Students interested in the PTA program are highly encouraged to attend an information session with the program director. These sessions can be in person, via phone or virtually through Microsoft TEAMS. Topics during these sessions include: review of the minimum qualifications, the application and selection processes, and expectations of students accepted to the PTA Program, and current career information.

- For information about the scheduled information sessions for the ASHTABULA Campus please contact:  
Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)
- For information about the scheduled information sessions for the EAST LIVERPOOL Campus please contact:  
Debbie Riggs at [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu)

Academic advisors are available on the East Liverpool and Ashtabula campuses to help students in the PTA program select courses and plan for success. It is strongly recommended that all PTST students meet regularly, in person or by phone, with an advisor.

- To schedule an advising appointment for the ASHTABULA Campus PTA Program please contact:  
Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)
- To schedule an advising appointment for the EAST LIVERPOOL Campus PTA Program please contact:  
Debbie Riggs at [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu)
- To schedule an advising appointment for the PTA Program for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers please contact:  
Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **Program History & Accreditation**

Kent State University at East Liverpool (KSU-EL) was first accredited in 1989 by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) as a Physical Therapist Assistant program. The program was expanded in 1996 to the Ashtabula Campus (KSU-A). The PTA programs on each campus sought and received independent accreditation from 2005 to 2013. In 2009, KSU-A was also accredited to offer the Athletic Trainers Transition concentration, which provides advanced placement to certified athletic trainers.

In April 2013, KSU received CAPTE approval to re-structure the administration of the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) degree programs under one director and with one accreditation for all degree options offered at Kent State University (KSU). Independently, the three degree options have consistently received the longest accreditation periods possible. In November 2015, all three programs were re-accredited for 10 more years.

### **Mission**

*The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kent State University prepares students to become graduates who are employed as physical therapist assistants and work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Graduates will have the critical thinking skills, knowledge base, technical skills, and behaviors that promote justice, equity, and inclusivity consistent with the expectations of the physical therapy profession and the communities they serve.*

### **Program Functions**

**The PTA Program will,**

- 1. Graduate students who**
  - a. Earn an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assisting (AAS, PTA)
  - b. Pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination
  - c. Are employed as a licensed physical therapist assistant
  - d. Provide safe and effective patient care in a legal, ethical, inclusive and culturally competent manner
- 2. Provide a curriculum that**
  - a. Is current, relevant and effective
  - b. Includes a variety of appropriate learning experiences in both the academic and clinical settings
  - c. Is sequential and cumulative to facilitate student achievement of the curriculum objectives
- 3. Retain faculty who**
  - a. Are qualified to teach their content areas
  - b. Model and mentor the behavioral expectations of physical therapy practitioners
  - c. Foster an environment of mutual respect and collaborative learning

### **AAS, PTST and AAS, PTST-ATT Concentration Degrees**

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Physical Therapist Assisting provides students with the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to become licensed as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). Licensure in most states requires graduation from an accredited PTA program, background clearances, and passing the National Physical Therapy Examination.

The integrated curriculum includes lecture, lecture/lab, seminar and practicum courses. The Ashtabula and East Liverpool traditional programs include core PTST course content that is cumulative and taught in four sequential semesters in a two year cycle. The Program curriculum requires student to be on campus or in the clinic three to five days per week each term. The PTA Program for BOC Certified Athletic Trainers (ATT concentration) includes a hybrid format of cumulative coursework that is cumulative and taught in four sequential semesters over 15 months and requires students to be on campus (Ashtabula), in lab, two times per semester for 2-4 days. (Schedule is included in this packet)

Each student is required to complete three (3) Practicum in Clinical Education courses: PTST 11092, 22092 and 23092, with a maximum of 680 total contact hours to graduate with an AAS-PTST degree. Students attend off-campus clinic sites that are under contract to provide students with the opportunity to participate in the provision of physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. **Any student that is unable to comply with the clinical education assignment process, or is unable to pass the Practicum in Clinical Education courses, will not meet the academic requirements for graduation.**

Under certain circumstances, students in practicum courses are required to attend clinical rotations on days outside of the academic calendar. These circumstances may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or on days when classes are cancelled. Examples include: certain holidays, spring recess, snow days and/or prior to the start of semesters. The clinical education schedule is included in this information packet. Contracted clinical education sites normally require students to provide both medical and background clearances, as well as the ability to perform the core tasks and essential job functions of a physical therapist assistant. **Students who are unable to perform the core tasks and essential job functions, or who cannot demonstrate medical (including specific vaccinations) and background clearance may not be able to complete the requirements for the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology degree.**

Admission to the University with the declared PTA MAJOR is open to anyone with a high school diploma or its equivalent, whereas, acceptance to the PTA PROGRAM is a **selective process**. Admission to the ATT Concentration requires applicants to hold current NATA-BOC Certification. Other specific qualifications are found in the application information portion of this information packet.

### **Student Outcomes**

The Kent State University graduate with an AAS-PTA degree demonstrates the ability to provide physical therapy services in a legal, ethical and culturally competent manner.

1. Provides appropriate and effective physical therapy interventions within the plan of care established by a physical therapist.
2. Effectively communicates with others, teaching or instructing when appropriate.
3. Produces legal and ethical documentation to meet professional expectations and the needs of third party payers.
4. Ethically manages fiscal and human resources to provide high-quality, efficient and cost-effective physical therapy services.
5. Consistently demonstrates the core values of a physical therapist assistant.

## **CAREERS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY**

The physical therapist (PT) and physical therapist assistant (PTA) are part of a team of healthcare professionals who help patients achieve their goals to improve physical function, whether those goals are to be able to walk or to set an athletic achievement record. Information about physical therapy, [the Role of a Physical Therapist](#), and the [Role of the Physical Therapist Assistant](#) is available at the American Physical Therapy Association website at [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org), the [Home : Occupational Outlook Handbook: : U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov); or O\*Net Online [Summary Report: Physical Therapist Assistants](#) at [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org).

## Required Licensure or Certification to Work as a PTA

***Licensure or Certification is required to work as a Physical Therapist Assistant.*** Earning an associate degree from an accredited PTA program is the first step in being eligible for licensure as a physical therapist assistant. Graduates must also pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) and meet all the standards of the state jurisdiction where they plan to work. Each student is responsible for understanding the laws and rules controlling the practice of physical therapy in their home state. The Federation of State Boards in Physical Therapy ([www.fsbpt.org](http://www.fsbpt.org)) manages the NPTE and provides access to [licensing authorities](#). In Ohio the licensure process is under the direction of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board. <http://OTPTAT.ohio.gov>

## Market Outlook

The [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor and Statistics](#) provides occupational employment and wage statistics for physical therapist assistants.

Nationally, [O-Net Online](#) projects the growth of the occupation to be growing much faster than average.

Please [visit the following page](#) to find specific earning projections for the location where you will practice as a PTA. Pay rates for skilled nursing facilities and casual call/PRN therapists tend to be higher due to the high demand for personnel in these positions.

**While the national job outlook is strong, local demand for PTAs may vary.**

## **EXPECTATIONS OF PTST STUDENTS**

### Essential Functions of a PTA

Essential functions are the abilities, knowledge, and skills required for a career as a physical therapist assistant. The [Summary Report for 31-2021.00 Physical Therapist Assistant](#), available at [www.online.onetcenter.org](http://www.online.onetcenter.org), provides a detailed list of the technology, tools, knowledge, skills, abilities, work activities and work context, as well as other career related information.

PTA students must be confident that, with reasonable accommodations, they are able to perform the essential functions of a PTA. Impairments that limit the student's ability to perform core tasks may affect program progression, licensure, and career opportunities. Any future PTA student with a concern regarding the ability to perform core tasks should discuss this with a program advisor.

### Background Clearances

All students in the PTA program are required to complete a civilian background check during the second semester and are expected to disclose the report to any assigned clinic site that requests the information. A negative report may prevent the student from being a) accepted as a student at a specific clinical site, b) approved by a jurisdiction for license, or c) being hired as a PTA.

**Students who are refused placement in three clinic sites (including inability to meet the clinic site requirements) will not be able to complete the degree requirements for the AAS-PTST degree.**

Students with concerns about their background should consult with an attorney and their licensing authority.

The practice of physical therapy is regulated by state and federal law. Many jurisdictions require federal and state background clearances before a license is granted. Students with a previous conviction may not be approved to be licensed or sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

### **Medical Clearances**

Physical Therapy clinics have a duty to protect the patients and staff in their facilities, therefore licensed PTAs and students in PTST technical study are required to document their health status and are expected to provide this documentation to assigned clinic sites. Disclosure of personal medical information may include: immunization records, drug test results, physical exam, laboratory tests, or other requested medical information.

Kent State University has no use for student medical or background information, other than to assist students to meet the requirements of contracted clinical education sites. Signed consent, by the student, allows the ACCE or Program Director to disclose requested confidential information to a student's assigned clinic site. The Program only serves as a conduit between the student and clinic sites and does NOT maintain any electronic or paper images of a students' medical records.

## Kent State University-PTA Program-Student Outcomes

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### GRADUATION RATES

COHORT			2 YEAR TOTAL
EAST LIVERPOOL	2023 86 %	2024 60 %	73 %
ASHTABULA	2022 68 %	2023 100 %	84 %
PTST-ATT Concentration	2022 88 %	2023 90 %	89 %

### LICENSURE FIRST TIME PASS RATES

COHORT			2 YEAR TOTAL
EAST LIVERPOOL	2022 87.5 %	2023 90 %	88.75 %
ASHTABULA	2022 66.7 %	2023 100 %	83.35 %
PTST-ATT Concentration	2022 100 %	2023 75 %	87.5 %

### LICENSURE ULTIMATE PASS RATES

COHORT			2 YEAR TOTAL
EAST LIVERPOOL	2022 100 %	2023 90 %	95 %
ASHTABULA	2022 91.7 %	2023 100 %	95.85 %
PTST-ATT Concentration	2022 100 %	2023 75 %	87.5%

\*incomplete data

### EMPLOYMENT RATES\*

COHORT			2 YEAR TOTAL
EAST LIVERPOOL	2022 100%	2023 100%	100%
ASHTABULA	2022 100%	2023 93%	96.5%
PTST-ATT Concentration	2022 100%	2023 93%	96.5%

\*Calculated per CAPTE standard of those seeking employment who were employed either part time or full time.

**TRANSFER STUDENT POLICIES**  
**THE WORKING STUDENT**  
**TUITION/FEES/FINANCIAL AID**  
**ROADMAPS**

## Transfer Policies

The Kent State University (KSU) Transfer Center evaluates the transcripts provided during the KSU admissions process. All previous coursework is recorded and recognized as “Earned Credit”. Any course listed as equivalent to a KSU course in the [Transfer Credit Guide](#) is guaranteed to transfer to KSU as the course listed. Any student with a previously earned Bachelor’s degree automatically receives credit for all Kent Core general studies requirements.

Students may petition a department to re-evaluate any transfer course that does not have an equivalent KSU course. [Indicated by KSU course numbers with an “X” (Example: PSYC 1X135)]. Petitions may only be submitted after the student is accepted to KSU and the Transfer Center has completed the process of evaluating the transcript. Please consult with your advisor regarding the process to petition for transfer credit.

### From another PTA or DPT program

Students who transfer from another physical therapist or physical therapist assistant degree program must apply and be accepted to the KSU PTA program. **Courses previously completed at another institution do not transfer as equivalent to PTST courses at KSU.** Credit by Exam (CBE) is available by department approval for certain PTST courses in the curriculum.

### From another KSU Campus

Students apply and are accepted to the PTA program at either the Ashtabula or the East Liverpool campus. Students who are in good academic standing have one opportunity to request a transfer to the other campus.

### From another healthcare program at KSU

Students who have been dismissed for academic reasons from a health care program at Kent State University are eligible to apply for acceptance to another health care program at KSU as long as they meet the admission requirements of the program to which they are transferring to and there is available space in the program. Students who have been dismissed from a health care program at any campus of Kent State University for other specified reasons may not enroll in another health care program or transfer to another campus within the same health care program. Specified reasons include, but are not limited to: failure to pass a background check screening, falsification of information or documentation, plagiarism, unprofessional behavior, use of drugs or alcohol, breach of confidentiality, threatening or manipulative behavior, failure to maintain professional boundaries with clients, and other behavioral or ethical issues identified at the discretion of the Dean. This does not include dismissals for academic reasons.

The health care programs referred to herein include nursing, occupational therapy assisting, physical therapist assisting, radiology, respiratory therapy, and any other health-related programs identified by the Dean.

### Working While in the PTA Program

Many students continue to work while completing the critical courses in the PTA program, however the ability to do this is dependent upon work schedule flexibility, semester schedule and credit hour load, as well as the student’s learning style and other responsibilities. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and must be available for the required full-time clinical education experiences during the final year. It is strongly recommended that students not work full-time once accepted to the traditional PTA program. Students in the ATT concentration are typically able to continue working but must make arrangements to be available for the clinical education requirements which include 2 full time clinical rotations in the final summer semester.

## **Tuition and Fees**

It is recommended that the applicant review updated tuition and fees information prior to application to the program. Please visit [Tuition at Kent State University](#) and choose the most applicable starting semester to inquire about tuition. Also be sure to choose the Regional Campuses option, for undergraduate coursework for the most up to date tuition information.

There is a \$24 per credit hour fee for most PTST courses to cover the cost of lab supplies and some course and program requirements and NPTE exam preparation. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Please see the current PTST cost sheet in this packet.

## **Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Many students in the PTA program receive some form of financial aid. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please start by completing the FAFSA form (government financial eligibility form) online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). Information on general financial aid and scholarships is available from the Office of Financial Aid on each campus:

Ashtabula Campus and ATT Concentration Applicants: <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid>

East Liverpool Campus Applicants: <https://www.kent.edu/columbiana/financial-aid>

## **Equal Opportunity**

In academic and student programs, it is the policy of this University that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any student or applicant for admission as a student because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, handicap, or identity as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era. Such policy shall apply to, but not necessarily be limited to, the following: recruiting, admission, access to programs, financial aid, and social, recreational, and health programs. This policy shall be applicable to all campuses and units of the University. This policy shall also apply with reference to discrimination on a basis of age insofar as required by law. Inquiries regarding federal regulations and state law may be directed to the Office of Affirmative Action, Wright Hall, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001.

## **Access and Accommodations**

Kent State University recognizes its responsibility for creating an institutional climate in which students with disabilities can succeed. In accordance with University Policy, if you have a documented disability, you may request accommodations to obtain equal access and to promote your learning in this program. Please contact the Student Accessibility Services Coordinator on the campus to which you are applying:

Ashtabula Campus and ATT Concentration Applicants: <https://www.kent.edu/sas/kent-state-ashtabula>

East Liverpool Campus Applicants: <https://www.kent.edu/sas/kent-state-east-liverpool>

## Roadmaps

The PTST degree requires 65 credit hours with twenty-seven (27) total courses, including clinical education experiences. The courses listed on the following pages includes required Kent Core general studies and related courses that **may be transferred from another institution or completed prior to applying to the PTA Program.**

The **critical (!) courses** may only be taken after acceptance to the PTA Program and must be taken in the semester and order listed. The sequencing of critical (!) courses requires students to complete the courses in the prescribed semester, regardless of how many non-critical classes are completed prior to acceptance to PTST technical study.

It is recommended, but not required, that students complete some of the non-critical courses prior to applying for acceptance to technical study. Completing non-critical courses early increases the chance of being accepted, and decreases the academic load during the four (4) semester of technical study. **Please note: students accepted to the PTA Program that previously complete most of the non-critical courses may not be a full time (12 credit hours or more) student while completing the AAS-PTST degree.**

Curriculum details, including course descriptions, prerequisites and schedules are available in the [Kent State University Catalog](#).



**Roadmap: EAST LIVERPOOL CAMPUS** Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS, PTST) This roadmap is a recommended plan of study. Courses and milestones designated as CRITICAL (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade
<b>Summer (Pre-Technical Study Semester)</b>			
	BSCI 11010 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology I (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PSYC 11762 General Psychology (DIVD) (KSS)	3	C
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>SEMESTER ONE (Fall)</b>			
	AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare	1	C
	AHS 24010 Medical Terminology	1	C
	BSCI 11020 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology II (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PTST 10000 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	1	C
!	PTST 10011 Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	1	C
!	PTST 10001 Principles of Patient Care in Physical Therapy	4	C
!	PTST 10003 Clinical Conditions I	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER TWO (Spring)</b>			
	AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development	3	C
!	AHS 22002 Clinical Kinesiology	3	C
!	AHS 22003 Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1	C
!	PTST 10004 Physical Therapy Procedures I	4	C
!	PTST 11005 Physical Therapy Practice I	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>SEMESTER THREE (Summer)</b>			
!	PTST 11092 Clinical Education I (ELR) 4 weeks full-time	1	S
<b>SEMESTER FOUR (Fall)</b>			
!	PTST 22092 Clinical Education II (ELR) 6 weeks full-time	2	S
!	PTST 20003 Clinical Conditions II	2	C
!	PTST 20004 Physical Therapy Procedures II	4	C
!	PTST 22005 Physical Therapy Practice II	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER FIVE (Spring)</b>			
!	PTST 20006 Physical Rehabilitation Procedures	4	C
!	PTST 20008 Clinical Conditions III	2	C
!	PTST 20011 PTA Management of the Medically Complex Patient	2	C
!	PTST 22007 Physical Therapy Practice III	2	S
!	PTST 23092 Clinical Education Practicum III (ELR) 7 weeks full time	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>65</b>	

**Roadmap: ASHTABULA CAMPUS** Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Associate of Applied Science (AAS, PTST) This roadmap is a recommended plan of study. Courses and milestones designated as CRITICAL (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade
<b>Fall (Optional Pre-Technical Study Semester)</b>			
	BSCI 11010 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology I (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PSYC 11762 General Psychology (DIVD) (KSS)	3	C
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>SEMESTER ONE (Spring)</b>			
	AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare	1	C
	AHS 24010 Medical Terminology	1	C
	BSCI 11020 Foundational Anatomy and Physiology II (KBS) (KLAB)	3	C
	PTST 10000 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	1	C
!	PTST 10011 Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	1	C
!	PTST 10001 Principles of Patient Care in Physical Therapy	4	C
!	PTST 10003 Clinical Conditions I	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER TWO (Fall)</b>			
	AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development	3	C
!	AHS 22002 Clinical Kinesiology	3	C
!	AHS 22003 Clinical Kinesiology Lab	1	C
!	PTST 10004 Physical Therapy Procedures I	4	C
!	PTST 11005 Physical Therapy Practice I	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>SEMESTER THREE (Spring)</b>			
!	PTST 11092 Clinical Education I (ELR) 4 weeks full-time	1	S
!	PTST 20003 Clinical Conditions II	2	C
!	PTST 20004 Physical Therapy Procedures II	4	C
!	PTST 22005 Physical Therapy Practice II	2	C
	Kent Core Requirement	3	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>SEMESTER FOUR (Summer)</b>			
!	PTST 22092 Clinical Education II (ELR) 6 weeks full-time	2	S
<b>SEMESTER FIVE (Fall)</b>			
!	PTST 20006 Physical Rehabilitation Procedures	4	C
!	PTST 20008 Clinical Conditions III	2	C
!	PTST 20011 PTA Management of the Medically Complex Patient	2	C
!	PTST 22007 Physical Therapy Practice III	2	S
!	PTST 23092 Clinical Education Practicum III (ELR) 7 weeks full time	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>65</b>	

## **Accelerated PTA Program for the BOC Certified Athletic Trainer (ATT Concentration)**

Students who are Board Certified Athletic Trainers may be admitted to the Athletic Trainers Transition (ATT) concentration. This concentration adds the skills and knowledge of a PTA to the Certified Athletic Trainer's knowledge and skill competency. The ATT concentration is primarily online, requires 31-38 credit hours to complete the degree requirements, and can be completed in 15 months. All ATT concentration students must complete three clinical education experiences, which can be arranged anywhere in the country.

The integrated curriculum includes lecture, lecture/lab, seminar and practicum courses. Critical course content is cumulative and taught in four sequential terms. The PTA program curriculum requires 6-9 credit hours each semester with all required lecture classes online. One lecture/lab course in each of the first 3 semesters requires two lab weekends on the Ashtabula campus. There are a total of 6 required lab weekends during the 15-month course of study.

Students complete three (3) Practicum in Clinical Education courses with a maximum of 680 unpaid clinical education hours under the supervision of a licensed PT or PTA.

Students are provided with a well-rounded clinical experience to prepare them to provide physical therapy services with various patient populations and in a variety of settings. The total clinical experience will include both inpatient and outpatient settings and may, at times, include placements in neurological and pediatric inpatient and outpatient facilities. Students will be involved in the rehabilitative care of patients in different life stages, clinical conditions, stages of healing and levels of disabilities. The program maintains contracts with hundreds of clinic sites all over the country. Every attempt is made to place students in clinical settings within a 60-mile radius of their residence. ATT concentration students will complete at least one full time clinical rotation that is not an outpatient orthopedic clinical.

### ***State Authorization***

Kent State University is in a continuous process to comply with regulations pursuant to state authorization, including applying for and maintaining approval and/or exemption status for our online programs in other states. **These regulations are enforced based on the state in which you are placed for clinical rotation experiences. Please be advised that it is possible that you may not be able to complete your clinical education requirements in the state in which you live. Questions regarding this may be addressed to our ACCE. Other states are subject to change as well.** Information about authorization to provide education in your home state is available from at the [State Authorization Status page](#) maintained by the [Office of Continuing and Distance Education](#).

### ***Clinical Education Assignments***

The first, part-time, clinical (160 hours during the spring semester) may be completed at your place of employment as long as a contract can be established, and the facility is able to meet the educational requirements of the PTST-ATT program. Prior to assigning a student at their place of employment, the PTA program must be assured that the required contact hours are unpaid, and the supervised instructional time is outside of the expectations and requirements of your employment. The first part-time clinical is the only practicum that may be completed in your work setting.

**PTST-ATT technical study students must complete a total of thirteen (13) weeks of full-time clinical education during the summer immediately before graduation.** Students are not placed in a full-time clinical education experience where they are currently or were previously employed; a family member has any involvement with the PT Department; or they have any other conflict of interest. The full-time clinical rotations may be completed within the employment organization as long as no conflict of interest is present. This is best assured in large organizations where the student is in a different setting that is supervised outside of the work environment.

The second clinical education practicum consists of a six (6) week rotation, and the third practicum in clinical education consist of a seven (7) week rotation. These are scheduled as full time, 40 hour per/week clinical rotations. At least one of these clinical rotations will be in a facility that is not an outpatient orthopedic clinical site. **If you are considering the program, but the full-time clinical rotations may be a deterrent, please contact program director Tiffany Kiphart to discuss other options that may be acceptable. The total hours of the clinical rotations cannot change, but the format may be able to be altered.**

Under certain circumstances, students in practicum courses are required to attend clinical rotations on days outside of the academic calendar. This may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or days when classes are cancelled. Examples include: certain holidays, spring recess, snow days and/or prior to the start of semesters.

The ATT concentration is undergoing a revision at the time of this publication. Please contact Tiffany Kiphart for more information regarding the roadmap and program matriculation.

### **Roadmap: ATT Concentration**

Highlighted Courses are possible transfers or exemptions for students in the ATT concentration

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade
<b>SEMESTER PREREQUISITE</b>			
	Kent Core Requirements (Possible Transfer Coursework)	12	C
	General Electives (Possible Transfer Coursework)	3	C
	UC 10097 Destination Kent State: ATT students are exempt from this (transfer)	1	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	16	
<b>SEMESTER ONE (TBD)</b>			
	PSYC 11762 General Psychology (DIVD) (KSS) (possible transfer)	3	C
	PTST 1000 Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	1	C
!	PTST 10010 Transitions in Physical Therapy (2 on campus weekend labs)	8	C
	Transfer Credit (No Grade) for PTST 10003, 10004, 10011	7	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	19	
<b>SEMESTER TWO (TBD)</b>			
	AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development (possible transfer)	3	C
	AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare	1	C
	AHS 24010 Medical Terminology (possible transfer)	1	C
!	PTST 10001 Principles of Patient Care in Physical Therapy (2 on campus weekend labs)	4	C
!	PTST 10003 Clinical Conditions I	2	C
!	PTST 11005 Physical Therapy Practice I	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	13	
<b>SEMESTER THREE (TBD)</b>			
!	PTST 11092 Clinical Education I (ELR) 10 hours/week	1	S
!	PTST 20006 Physical Rehabilitation Procedures (2 on campus weekend labs)	4	C
!	PTST 20008 Clinical Conditions III	2	C
!	PTST 22005 Physical Therapy Practice II	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	9	
<b>SEMESTER FOUR (TBD)</b>			
!	PTST 22007 Physical Therapy Practice III	2	C
!	PTST 22092 Clinical Education Practicum II (ELR) 6 weeks full time	2	S
!	PTST 23092 Clinical Education Practicum III (ELR) 7 weeks full time	2	S
!	PTST 20011 PTA Management of the Medically Complex Patient	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	8	
	<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	65	

## ATT Concentration Advising Information

- All courses listed in the PTST curriculum roadmap must be passed with a C / 2.0 or better.
- Courses taken pass/fail, or with an earned grade of C- or less will not be accepted as transfer credit to KSU.
- Registration in critical (!) courses is limited to those students who have applied and been accepted to PTST technical study and admitted to the Athletic Trainers Transition concentration.
- **Transfer Course Credit:** Some courses may transfer from other academic institutions. Any course listed as equivalent in the KSU [Transfer Credit Guide](#) is guaranteed to transfer to KSU. Transfer credit for courses not listed in these resources is determined after acceptance to KSU with the review of an official transcript and a course syllabus to determine equivalency. An academic advisor can provide guidance as to what should transfer but does not make the final determination.
- Five non-critical courses on the PTST-ATT Roadmap may be completed prior to acceptance to technical study, or transfer from a previous institution. These courses have been highlighted in the PTST-ATT program roadmap on the previous page.

AHS 24010 Medical Terminology

AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare

AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development

PTST 10000 Intro to PTA

PSYC 11762 General Psychology

- All required courses are offered in an asynchronous online format during the semester listed on the Roadmap. Several of the open enrollment courses are offered online every semester, including PTST 10000, AHS 24010, PSYC 11762, AHS 12005, AHS 12010.
- One (1) lab class is scheduled during each of the first three (3) semesters. Students are required to be on campus two weekends (midterm and final) during these semesters to learn new skills and complete the written and practical exams in PTST 10010, PTST 10001, and PTST 20006.
- PTST 10010 Transition in Physical Therapy is the first course in the PTST-ATT concentration. This course reviews the content associated with four (4) courses in our traditional program to demonstrate current competency in the content that was included in your athletic training education. This is an intense eight (8) credit course that is completed in 10 weeks. Completion of this course awards the student fourteen (14) credits toward the PTST graduation requirements.
- PTST 22092 is a 6-week and 23092 is a 7-week full time clinical education experience (13 weeks total) during the final summer term.
- Online lecture and/or lab courses may require online testing through Proctorio.com.

# **APPLICATION TO PROGRAM** **CHECKLISTS**

**Apply to PTA Program on the Ashtabula Campus: Deadline for Application September 1, 2024**

**Program begins January 2025**

**Minimum Qualifications for Consideration:**

1. Admitted Kent State University student; apply [HERE](#)
2. Demonstrate College Readiness through results of KSU Admission testing or ATC, SAT scores. [Find more information HERE](#)
3. Declare the PTST Major during the university application process
4. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA from the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more

**Steps to APPLY to the PTA Program:**

1. Attendance at an Information Session or meeting with an advisor for the PTA Program is not required but highly recommended. You can contact Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu) for information about attending an information session or to set up an advising appointment.
2. **Submit the online Traditional PTA Program Technical Study Application [APPLY HERE](#)**  
**THIS IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**
3. Demonstrate College Readiness with completion of ALL developmental course work (as prescribed during campus admissions) with a “C” or better by the beginning of the PTA program. Applicants may be “provisionally accepted” to the PTA program if enrolled in developmental courses and on track to pass with “C” or better in the semester prior to entrance/acceptance to the program.
4. Complete required observation (8 hours at 2 different locations, 16 hours total) and submit forms. Complete viewing of the observation video and complete writing prompt. Follow all directions for submission. The forms are found in the back of the packet.
5. Complete non-critical PTST courses to build technical study application points
6. Plan for **APPLICANT ASSESSMENT DAY: Friday September 27, 2024, 9am-4pm. You will be assigned a time between 9am and 4pm, please do not schedule work or personal appointments during this time on this date.** The purpose of the assessment process is to assess the applicant’s behaviors and readiness for a rigorous PTA program. Each applicant will complete 2 paper/pencil assessments followed by writing of 2 essay responses. All applicants are un-identified by name during the assessment process. Assessment sessions last for approximately 50 minutes in length and normally include 5-8 applicants with 3-4 faculty or staff members in the assessment room. Following completion of the applicant assessment day, a maximum of 50 points are assigned to the assessments based on the following areas:

following instructions	professional confidence
speaking/body language confidence	time management/arrival time
professional presentation	college readiness
GRIT	penmanship
expression/organization of thought	professional maturity
grammar	spelling
punctuation	depth of knowledge
professional language	

## Apply to PTA Program on the East Liverpool Campus: Deadline for Application April 1, 2025

Program begins August 2025

### Minimum Qualifications for Consideration:

1. Admitted Kent State University student; apply [HERE](#)
2. Demonstrate College Readiness through results of KSU Admission testing or ATC, SAT scores. [Find more information HERE](#)
3. Declare the PTST Major during the university application process
4. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA from the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more

### Steps to APPLY to the PTA Program:

1. Attendance at an Information Session or meeting with an advisor for the PTA Program is not required but highly recommended. You can contact Debbie Riggs at [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu) for information about attending an information session. You can contact Shelly Weekley at [mweekley@kent.edu](mailto:mweekley@kent.edu) to set up an advising appointment.
2. **Submit the online Traditional PTA Program Technical Study Application [APPLY HERE](#)**  
**THIS IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**
3. Demonstrate College Readiness with completion of ALL developmental course work (as prescribed during campus admissions) with a “C” or better by the beginning of the PTA program. Applicants may be “provisionally accepted” to the PTA program if enrolled in developmental courses and on track to pass with “C” or better in the semester prior to entrance/acceptance to the program.
4. Complete required observation (8 hours at 2 different locations, 16 hours total) and submit forms. Complete viewing of the observation video and complete writing prompt. Follow all directions for submission. The forms are found in the back of the packet.
5. Complete non-critical PTST courses to build technical study application points
6. Plan for **APPLICANT ASSESSMENT DAY: Friday April 25, 2025, 9am-4pm.** **You will be assigned a time between 9am and 4pm, please do not schedule work or personal appointments during this time on this date.** The purpose of the assessment process is to assess the applicant’s behaviors and readiness for a rigorous PTA program. Each applicant will complete 2 paper/pencil assessments followed by writing of 2 essay responses. All applicants are un-identified by name during the assessment process. Assessment sessions last for approximately 50 minutes in length and normally include 5-8 applicants with 3-4 faculty or staff members in the assessment room. Following completion of the applicant assessment day, a maximum of 50 points are assigned to the assessments based on the following areas:

following instructions	professional confidence
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professional presentation	college readiness
GRIT	penmanship
expression/organization of thought	professional maturity
grammar	spelling
punctuation	depth of knowledge
professional language	

The Physical Therapist Assistant Technology - Athletic Trainers Transition (ATT) concentration is the first accredited program in the country designed for students who are Board Certified Athletic Trainers. The knowledge and skills from your athletic training degree is built upon to complete the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. This 15 month concentration begins in May and concludes with graduation the following August. The ATT concentration is offered in an asynchronous online format with students attending six (6) required on-campus lab weekends in Ashtabula, Ohio, throughout the duration of the program. All students must also complete 13 weeks of full-time clinical education during the summer before graduation. The detailed academic schedule is included in this packet.

### **Minimum Qualifications and Steps for Acceptance**

1. Accepted as a Kent State University at Ashtabula student. Apply [HERE](#)
  - a. **Apply as a Post-Undergraduate Degree Seeking student, with a bachelor's degree seeking another bachelor's degree.** Please note that this is an ASSOCIATE degree program, but the application does not recognize a post degree associate. The intended major is Physical Therapist Assistant-AAS, apply for SUMMER of your desired year.
2. **Submit the online ATT Concentration Program Technical Study Application** [APPLY HERE](#)
  - a. **THIS IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**
3. Submit Recommendation Form and Video Observation Form: The forms are found in the back of the packet.
  - a. You must submit one recommendation form.
  - b. If you currently work at least 20 hrs/week with a licensed PT or PTA in ANY setting you are to submit a recommendation form from the licensed PT or PTA that you work with (form found at end of this packet).
  - c. If you do not currently work at least 20 hrs/week with a licensed PT or PTA in ANY setting you are required to make arrangements to observe ANY PT or PTA in ANY setting for at least 20 hours and submit the recommendation form from the PT or PTA you observed (form found at end of this packet).
  - d. You must complete the video observation and writing prompt found at the back of this packet.
4. Minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA from the most recent academic experience of 12 credit hours or more.
5. Completion of a Bachelor's or Master's degree program in Athletic Training, or related major.
6. Current NATA Board of Certification as an Athletic Trainer.
7. Request all Transcripts (**ALL Colleges attended**)
  - a. Kent State University at Ashtabula  
3300 Lake Road West  
Ashtabula, OH 44004  
Attention PTST-ATT Program

## **Prepare for Acceptance to KSU PTA Program ATT Concentration**

1. **Consult your family**, employer and calendar to:
  - Confirm that you are available to attend all scheduled on-campus Lab Weekends
  - Plan to attend the 13 weeks of full time clinical education practicums
  - Organize your life so there will be time to study for a rigorous program
2. **Apply for Financial Aid:** Call 440-964-4213 with questions.
  - Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - Online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) - as soon as possible after January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
  - Please remember that although you have a previous degree, you are applying to an undergraduate program. Check “NO” to question “are you a graduate student”.
  - The school code for Kent State University at Ashtabula is 003052.
  - Use this website for information regarding financial aid from the KSU at Ashtabula financial aid office <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid>

**SELECTION PROCESSES**  
**TECHNICAL STUDY SCHEDULES**  
**TUITION & FEE COSTS**

**TRADITIONAL PTA program on the Ashtabula or East Liverpool Campus**  
**APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Points are assigned based on information acquired in the KSU academic record. The top 45 applicants are invited to APPLICANT ASSESSMENT DAY. Seats in the class are offered to the applicants with the highest total points in all 6 criteria. Each campus cohort accepts UP TO 28 students to start the program each year.

**Selection Criteria: 150 possible points**

Category	Total Points Possible	Description(s) of Points Awarded
<b>1. Grade Point Average</b> high school students with less than 12 college credits receive double GPA points in lieu of Category 2	40	<div>4.0 = 40      3.7 = 31      3.4 = 22      3.1 = 13      2.9 = 0</div> <div>3.9 = 37      3.6 = 28      3.3 = 19      3.0 = 10      2.8 = 0</div> <div>3.8 = 34      3.5 = 25      3.2 = 16      2.7 = 0</div>
<b>2. College Courses Taken</b>	40	<p>Each of the following courses (or transfer equivalents) are awarded points based on the grade received in each course:      A = 4,      B = 3,      C = 1</p> <p>BSCI 11010, Foundational A and P I  BSCI 11020, Foundational A and P II  AHS 12005, Lifespan Development  PSYC 11762, General Psychology  PTST 10000, Intro to PTA (no transfer equivalent)  AHS 24010, Medical Terminology  All additional Kent Core courses are also awarded points per each letter grade</p>
<b>3. Observation Experience; Essential Behaviors</b>	12	A licensed PT or PTA rates the applicant in 6 criteria based on experiences with the student during the required observation hours of 8 hours at 2 different sites (16 hours total). Two (2) points are possible for each criterion. Points are awarded for the average scores in each criteria of the 2 observation forms submitted. See observation forms in this packet.
<b>4. Observation Experience; Recommendation</b>	8	<p>Average of all recommendations for Total Points  Highly Recommend = 8    Recommended = 4    Recommend With Reservation = 0  Not Recommended = -8</p> <p><i>Students who are "not recommended" by 2 clinicians are not considered for acceptance</i></p>
<b>5. Applicant Assessment</b>	50	Ratings from all interviewers are averaged together. See previous information for criteria.

**PTA Program for the NATA-BOC Certified Athletic Trainer (ATT concentration)**  
**APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS**

Points are assigned based on information acquired in the KSU academic record. Seats in the class are offered to the applicants with the highest total points in all 6 criteria. This cohort accepts UP TO 28 students to start the program each year.

**Selection Criteria: 100 possible**

Category	Total Points Possible	Description(s) of Points Awarded
<b>1. Grade Point Average</b>	40	4.0 = 40      3.7 = 31      3.4 = 22      3.1 = 13      2.9 = 0 3.9 = 37      3.6 = 28      3.3 = 19      3.0 = 10      2.8 = 0 3.8 = 34      3.5 = 25      3.2 = 16      2.7 = 0
<b>2. College Courses Taken</b>	24	Each of the following courses (or transfer equivalents) are awarded points based on the grade received in each course:      A = 4,      B = 3,      C = 1  BSCI 11010, Foundational A and P I BSCI 11020, Foundational A and P II AHS 12005, Lifespan Development PSYC 11762, General Psychology PTST 10000, Intro to PTA (no transfer equivalent) AHS 24010, Medical Terminology All additional Kent Core courses are also awarded points per each letter grade
<b>3. Observation Experience; Essential Behaviors</b>	12	A licensed PT or PTA rates the applicant in 6 criteria based on experiences with the student during observation/work hours. Two (2) points are possible for each criterion.
<b>4. Observation Experience; Recommendation</b>	10	Average of all recommendations for Total Points Highly Recommend = 10    Recommended = 5    Recommend With Reservation = 0 Not Recommended = -10 <i>Students who are "not recommended" will be asked to submit another recommendation. "Not recommended" from 2 clinicians results in no consideration for admission to the program</i>
<b>5. Inpatient PT experience video and response</b>	6	Complete the inpatient PT video and then the response to the writing prompt found in the back of this packet.
<b>6. Essay</b> Embedded into the PTA program online application	8	Graded on the following: following of directions, organized thoughts that convey articulate message, excellent spelling, grammar and punctuation, interest in profession, depth of writing skill

## Technical Study Schedule: **Ashtabula Campus PTST Class of 2026**

Term	Academic	Dates	Notes
Fall Term	PTA Program Application Deadline	Sept 1, 2024	
Spring Term	Semester 1	January 13-May 11, 2025	Must complete BSCI 11010, PTST 10000, PSYC 11762, AHS 12010, AHS 24010 in addition to critical PTST courses.
Spring Break		March 10-16, 2025	
Summer Term		May-August 2025	Must complete BSCI 11020 in addition to critical PTST courses
Fall Term	Semester 2	August 18-December 13, 2025	Must complete AHS 12005 in addition to critical PTST courses
Fall Break		October 2-5	
Spring Term	Semester 3	January 12-May 10, 2026	
	Practicum in CE I PTST 11092	Jan 12-Feb 6, 2026	Full-time, 4 weeks *
	Classes	Feb 9-May 10, 2026	
Spring Break		March 9-15	
	Apply for Graduation		FlashLine application available March – August
Summer Term		May 11-Aug 19, 2026	Recommend completion of Kent Core requirements
	Practicum in CE II PTST 21092	May 18-June 26, 2026	Full-time 6 weeks
Fall Term	Semester 4	Aug 24-Dec 18 2026	
	Scorebuilder's On campus Review	Mandatory Attendance: August 20-21	
	Classes	August 24 –Oct 23, 2026	
	Practicum in CE III PTST 22092	October 26-Dec 11, 2026	Full-time, 7 weeks
	Capstone Week	December 14-17, 2026	
	Graduation	December 18, 2026	
	National PTA Exam	January or April, 2027	

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**ALL DATES LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## Technical Study Schedule: **East Liverpool Campus PTST Class of 2027**

Term	Academic	Dates	Notes
Spring	PTA Program Application Deadline	April 1, 2025	
Summer		May 12-Aug 10, 2025	Must complete BSCI 11010
Fall	Semester 1	Aug 18-Dec 13, 2025	Must complete BSCI 11020, PTST 10000 and AHS 24010 in addition to critical PTST courses
Fall Break		Oct. 2-5, 2025	
Spring	Semester 2	Jan 12-May 10, 2026	Must complete AHS 12010, 12005 AND critical PTST courses
Spring Break		March 9-15, 2026	
Summer		May 11-August 9, 2026	Recommend completion of Kent Core requirements
	Practicum in CE I	May 26-June 19, 2026	Full-time, 4 weeks
Fall Term	Semester 3	August 24-Dec 18, 2026	
	Classes	August 24-Oct 30, 2026	9 week classes
	Fall Break	Oct 8-11	
	Practicum in CE II	Nov 2-Dec 11, 2026	Full-time 6 weeks
	Apply for Graduation	September 2026	FlashLine application available October - January
Spring	Semester 4	January 19-May 16, 2027	
	Classes	Jan 19-March 12, 2027	8 week classes
	Spring Recess	March 15-19, 2027	NOTE: This break is different from the KSU Academic Calendar
	Practicum in CE III	March 22-May 7, 2027	Full-time, 7 weeks
	Scorebuilder's On Campus Review	May 8-9, Mandatory Attendance	
	Capstone Week	May 10-13, 2027	
	Graduation	May 14, 2027	
	National PTA Examination	July, 2027	

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**ALL DATES LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Technical Study **LAB COURSE** Schedule: **PTST-ATT Class of 2026**

**DRAFT: dates TBD all dates subject to change**

Term		Dates
	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>March 1, 2025</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>May 12-Aug 10, 2025</b>
	PTST 10010	<b>May 12-July 20, 2025 (10 wks)</b>
	PTST 10010 Midterm Lab	<b>June 12-15, 2025 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
	PTST 10010 Final Lab	<b>July 17-20, 2025 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>August-December 2025</b>
	PTST 10001	<b>August 18-December 13, 2025</b>
	PTST 10001 Midterm Lab	<b>October 9-12, 2025 (Thurs-Sun) end of wk 8</b>
	PTST 10001 Final Lab	<b>December 4-5, 2025 (Fri-Sat) end of wk 16</b>
	<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>October 2-3, 2025</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>January-May 2026</b>
	PTST 20006	<b>January 12-May 10, 2026</b>
	PTST 20006 Midterm Lab	<b>Feb 26-March 1, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday) end of wk 7</b>
	PTST 20006 Final Lab	<b>April 30-May 1 (Thursday-Friday) end of wk 16</b>
	SCOREBUILDERS	<b>May 2-3, 2026 (Sat-Sun) Mandatory Attendance</b>
	PTST 11092, Part-time Practicum 1	<b>*January 12--May 1, 2026 (10 hrs/wk)</b>
	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>March 9-15, 2026</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>May-August 2026</b>
	PTST 22005 & 22092 Practicum in CE II	<b>*May 11-June 19, 2026 (Full-time 6 wk)</b>
	PTST 22007 & 23092 Practicum in CE III	<b>* June 22 -Aug 7, 2026 (full time 7 wk)</b>
	Graduation Date	<b>August 8, 2026</b>
	PTA Licensure Exam	<b>The October 2026 test date is the first available to ATT students. Students in states that require transcripts may not be eligible to sit until January 2027</b>

*\* Note: Under certain circumstances, PTST students in Practicum courses are required to attend clinicals on days outside of the academic calendar. These circumstances may occur on scheduled or unscheduled campus closures or on days when classes are cancelled, but the campus remains open. Examples included certain holidays, spring recess, snow days, and/or prior to the start of semesters.*

**Estimated Tuition & Fee Costs for PTA Program Students**  
**(Revised June 2024 for academic year 2024-25)**

Anticipated tuition and fees incurred by PTST and PTST-ATT students in academic year 2024-25 are based on current information provided by the Kent State University Bursar's Office for 23-24. Costs per semester will vary, depending on academic load, courses previously completed, and the delivery method.

**Summary of Expected Costs per Course (*Estimated and Subject to Change*)**

Course	Credit Hour	Tuition <sup>1</sup>		Course Fees <sup>4</sup>	Additional Fees for Online Courses <sup>5</sup>		Textbooks <sup>7</sup>	Subscriptions
		Ohio <sup>2</sup>	Non-Ohio Resident <sup>3</sup>		Ohio	Non-Ohio Resident		
AHS 12010	1	\$336	\$747	--	\$12	\$22	0	
AHS 12005	3	\$1007	\$2239	--	\$36	\$66		
AHS 22002	3	\$1007	\$2239	--	--	--	\$135	
AHS 22003	1	\$336	\$747	--	--	--		
AHS 24010	1	\$336	\$747	--	\$12	\$22	\$48	
BSCI 11010	3	\$1007	\$2239		--	--		
BSCI 11020	3	\$1007	\$2239		--	--		
PSYC 11762	3	\$1007	\$2239		\$462	\$492		
Kent Core	15	\$3693	\$8618		\$154/hr	\$164/hr		
PTA 10000	1	\$336	\$747	--	\$12	\$22	\$40	
PTA 10001	4	\$1343	\$2985	\$96	--	--	\$106	\$125 CastleBranch
PTA 10003	2	\$672	\$1493		\$24	\$44	\$95	
PTA 10004	4	\$1343	\$2985	\$96	--	--	\$78	
PTA 10010	8	\$2685	\$5970	\$192	--	--	\$355	\$60-\$200 CastleBranch
PTA 10011	1	\$336	\$747	\$24				
PTA 11005	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$35	
PTA 11092	1	\$336	\$747	\$75	--	--	0	
PTA 20003	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48	--	--	\$73	
PTA 20004	4	\$1343	\$2985	\$96	--	--	\$90	
PTA 20006	4	\$1343	\$2985	\$96	--	--	\$165	
PTA 20008	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48	\$24	\$44	0	
PTA 20011	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48				
PTA 22005	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48	\$24	\$44	0	
PTA 22007	2	\$672	\$1493	\$48	\$24	\$44	\$75	
PTA 22092	2	\$672	\$1493	\$96	--	--	0	
PTA 23092	2	\$672	\$1493	\$96	--	--	0	

### Estimated TOTAL Tuition & Fee Costs for PTA Program Students

Does Not Account For Any TRANSFER Credits	Traditional PTA <i>East Liverpool</i>	
	Credit Hours (As Prescribed without Transfer Credits)	In-State Tuition
Pre Semester	10	\$3356
Semester 1	13	\$3693
Semester 2	16	\$3693
Semester 3 Summer	1	\$336
Semester 4	13	\$3693
Semester 5	12	\$3693
<b>Tuition</b>		\$18,434
<b>Course Fees</b>		\$1,011
<b>Textbooks &amp; Subscriptions</b>		\$1,138
<b>Distance Learning / Online Fees</b>		Not Required
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,583</b>

Does Not Account For Any TRANSFER Credits	Traditional PTA <i>Ashtabula</i>	
	Credit Hours (As Prescribed without Transfer Credits)	In-State Tuition
Pre Semester	10	\$3356
Semester 1	13	\$3693
Semester 2	16	\$3693
Semester 3	12	\$3693
Semester 4 Summer	2	\$672
Semester 5	12	\$3693
<b>Tuition</b>		\$18,800
<b>Course Fees</b>		\$1,011
<b>Textbooks &amp; Subscriptions</b>		\$1,138
<b>Distance Learning / Online Fees</b>		Not Required
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,949</b>

	PTA Program for ATCs on Ashtabula Campus			
	Prescribed Credit Hour	*Typical (accounts for transfer credits)	*In-State Tuition	*Out of State Tuition
Pre Semester	16	0	\$0	\$0
Semester 1 summer	19	9	\$3021	\$6716
Semester 2 fall	13	9	\$3021	\$6716
Semester 3 spring	9	9	\$3021	\$6716
Semester 4 summer	8	8	\$2685	\$5970
<b>Tuition</b>			*\$11,748	*\$26,118
<b>Course Fees</b>			\$939	\$939
<b>Textbooks &amp; Subscriptions</b>			\$1,138	\$1138
<b>Distance Learning / Online Fees</b>			estimate \$100	estimate \$100
<b>TOTAL</b>		*with the TYPICAL credits (accounting for typical transfers)	<b>*\$13,825</b>	<b>*\$28,195</b>

**Course Fees:** Disposable lab supplies, gait belt and goniometers, nametag, clinical education grading tool (EXXAT), theraband sample packs, APTA student membership, board exam prep materials to include: NPTE review course, online advantage practice test, PEAT exam, Scorebuilder's Basecamp

**Additional Expenses normally incurred by PTA students:** physical exam and immunizations prior to clinical education, CPR, Clinical education expenses to include: travel, uniform (if needed), meals, drug tests, background check. Fees associated with becoming licensed are estimated at \$750. PTA-ATT concentration students also are responsible for travel costs to/from the Ashtabula campus for lab weekends.

**OBSERVATION, RECOMMENDATION, ADMISSION**  
**ASSIGNMENT FORMS**

## **Applicant Requirements:**

Applicants to the traditional (not ATC) PTA program are required to complete the following for application to the program:

### **1. Observation Hours/Recommendation**

- Completion 8 hours of observation at TWO DIFFERENT locations that deliver physical therapy treatment (16 hours total)
- Can be a combination of inpatient (facility where the patient sleeps; hospital or nursing home, or even home health), or an outpatient facility (where the patient comes to receive treatment, then returns home), or you can choose to do all inpatient or all outpatient hours as long as you observe **8 hours in 2 different facilities**.
- Applicants are required to complete 2 forms (1 for each facility attended) and should inform clinicians within the observed facility to submit the forms via the direction on the forms. Applicants will receive a confirmation email from the program upon receipt of all submissions. Please find the forms at the back of this packet
- It is the applicant's responsibility to record correct dates at the conclusion of each observation session
- The applicant will not see the observation/recommendation form after completion and submission of the form.

### **2. Video Assignment**

- Applicants should view the following video [ICU Acute Care Physical Therapy](#)
- After viewing the video, applicants will answer the writing prompt found at the back of this packet
- East Liverpool campus applicants will scan and email their responsive writing to: Debbie Riggs [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu)
- Ashtabula campus applicants will scan and email their responsive writing to: Theresa Hootman [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)
- Applicants will receive confirmation from the program upon receipt of all submissions. Please find all observation forms at the back of this packet.

Applicants to the PTA Program for NATA-BOC ATC's are required to complete the following for application to the program:

### **1. Recommendation Form**

- If you currently work or have worked at least 20 hours/week with a licensed PT or PTA in ANY setting you are to submit a recommendation form from the licensed PT or PTA with whom you work(ed). The form is at the back of this packet
- If you do not currently and have not in the past worked with a licensed PT or PTA in ANY setting, you are required to make arrangements to observe any PT or PTA for at least 8 hours and submit the recommendation form found at the back of this packet.

### **2. Video Assignment**

- Applicants should view the following video [ICU Acute Care Physical Therapy](#)
- After viewing the video, applicants will answer the writing prompt including in the observation packet at the back of this packet
- ATT concentration applicants will scan and email their responsive writing to: Theresa Hootman [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)
- Applicants will receive confirmation from the program upon receipt of all submissions. Please find all observation forms at the back of this packet.

All Questions/Concerns should be directed to program director Tiffany Kiphart at [tkiphart@kent.edu](mailto:tkiphart@kent.edu)

# Kent State University Physical Therapist Assistant Program - **Traditional**

## 2024-2025 Observation & Recommendation Form

### PART I: Completed by Applicant

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ KSU Email \_\_\_\_\_

KSU PTA Program Applying to? (circle one)

ASHTABULA

EAST LIVERPOOL

Clinic Site Name \_\_\_\_\_ PT Dept. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours at this Clinic \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Declarations:

- *I am aware that any dishonesty will disqualify my application to PTST technical study.*
- *My signature waives my right to review this completed form.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Time	Clinician Initials
example 5/20/24	8am-11am	tmk

Applicant completes Date and Time Attended  
Clinician Initials ALL hours completed

### PART II: Completed by a LICENSED PT or PTA

Rate the applicant on each of these behavioral characteristics as demonstrated during the observation time. (Please mark one box for each characteristic)

CHARACTERISTIC	Good	Fair	Poor
1. Reliability / Accountability			
2. Verbal / Non-verbal Communication			
3. Interpersonal Skills			
4. Inquisitiveness, Motivation & Independence			
5. Professionalism, Maturity, Ability to work with others			
6. Intellectual Potential, Judgment & Common Sense			

### Recommendation of this applicant. (Select One)

- ☐ Highly recommended
- ☐ Recommended
- ☐ Recommended with reservation
- ☐ Not recommended

Evaluating Therapist Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ State & License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinician should EMAIL Completed Form, No Forms are accepted from Applicants**

ASHTABULA applicant forms should be emailed to Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

EAST LIVERPOOL applicant forms should be emailed to Debbie Riggs at [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu)

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# Kent State University Physical Therapist Assistant Program - **Traditional**

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6. Intellectual Potential, Judgment & Common Sense			

### Recommendation of this applicant. (Select One)

- ☐ Highly recommended
- ☐ Recommended
- ☐ Recommended with reservation
- ☐ Not recommended

Evaluating Therapist Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ State & License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinician should EMAIL Completed Form, No Forms are accepted from Applicants**

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# Physical Therapist Assistant Technology – Athletic Trainers Transition

## Kent State University at Ashtabula

### Recommendation Form

- I. **STUDENT APPLICANT- fill out this section:** Complete this section, and then submit this form to the PT/PTA to be completed and faxed/mailed/emailed. The recommendation must not be from a relative of the applicant.

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*I am requesting an unbiased recommendation and waive the right to review this completed form.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- II. **LICENSED PT or PTA- fill out this section:** Thank you for your time to share your input to assist the KSUA PTST program in selecting candidates. Please note that your recommendation will be used in part to select students to PTST-ATT technical study. We appreciate your honest and candid opinion.

**Indicate the level of your overall endorsement of the candidate below as a future PTA:**

☐ Highly recommend      ☐ Recommend      ☐ Recommend with reservation      ☐ NOT recommended

**Indicate the type of relationship with this applicant:**

- ☐ Work colleague, more than a year  
☐ Work colleague, less than a year  
☐ Supervisor for \_\_\_\_\_ hours observation

**In what setting type have you observed this applicant?**

- ☐ Acute or subacute care  
☐ Skilled Nursing Facility  
☐ Outpatient Orthopedics  
☐ School System  
☐ Sports Facility  
☐ Health & Wellness Facility  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank the following Characteristics	Good	Fair	Poor
Reliability / Accountability			
Verbal / Non-verbal communication			
Interpersonal skills			
Inquisitiveness, Motivation & Independence			
Professionalism, Maturing & Ability to work with others			
Intellectual potential, Judgment & Common Sense			

Printed Name of Therapist \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ State & License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinician should EMAIL Completed Form, No Forms are accepted from Applicants**

ATC-PTA applicant forms should be emailed to Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

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## ALL COHORTS

**Please complete the Following Steps:**

1. View the [ICU Acute Care Physical Therapy](#) Video

2. Answer the writing prompt below. Please note that this is a graded response and you should respond to the prompt in essay format with proper spelling and grammar.

- 3. Submit this form to:**

East Liverpool cohort applicants: Debbie Riggs at [driggs@kent.edu](mailto:driggs@kent.edu)

Ashtabula cohort applicants: Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

**NATA-BOC ATC applicants:** Theresa Hootman at [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu)

After viewing the video, what do you believe would be the most difficult, as well as, the most rewarding aspects of working as a PTA in this particular patient scenario? Was there anything that surprised you in the video? How will this impact your progress as you learn to practice as a PTA? Please feel free to add anything else you feel is relevant to the application of this video to your desire to pursue becoming a PTA.

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All Questions/Concerns should be directed to program director Tiffany Kiphart at [tkiphart@kent.edu](mailto:tkiphart@kent.edu)