



**Physical Therapist Assistant Technology  
Athletic Trainers Transition (PTST-ATT) Concentration  
Application Information 2021  
Application Deadline – March 1, 2021**

**Board Certified Athletic Trainers** (Others should request application information for PTST Technical Study)

The Physical Therapist Assistant Technology - Athletic Trainers Transition (PTST-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 12 weeks of full-time clinical education during the summer before graduation. The detailed academic schedule is included in this packet.

The PTST-ATT concentration is an intensive program. Before applying, each potential student should give careful consideration regarding their ability to meet all program requirements. Students are accepted into one (1) of the *POSSIBLE* two (2) lab sections and must attend **all** of the scheduled weekend classes for their assigned lab section. *If enrollment does not warrant TWO lab sections, the schedule for lab section ONE is the deferred schedule.* Three clinical education practicums are also required in a variety of clinical settings. All clinical rotations are unpaid, and only the first, part-time clinical rotation can be completed at your place of employment. Twelve weeks of full-time clinical practicums must be completed during the summer immediately prior to graduation. Clinical practicums are normally completed at facilities in your home area **if** appropriate clinic sites are available and a contract can be established in a timely manner.

The ATT concentration requires eight (8) online PTST courses, six (6) 2-4 day lab weekends, three (3) Practicum in Clinical Education courses, and three (3) additional courses that must either transfer from your previous academic experiences or be completed during the program. **Any required coursework that does not transfer must be completed prior to graduation.** The PTST-ATT degree requires a minimum of 65 credit hours, 33 of which are PTST courses that must be taken at Kent State University. Students who graduate with the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology – Athletic Trainers Transition concentration are eligible to apply for licensure in any state and sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination.

**The application for admission deadline is March 1, 2021.** Students with questions about the application process for Kent State University or the PTST-ATT degree program should contact Theresa Hootman, the program secretary, at 440-964-4252 or [thootma1@kent.edu](mailto:thootma1@kent.edu). Theresa can assist with the application process, direct you to the correct department or person for additional assistance, and schedule advising appointments for questions about transfer credit and curriculum requirements. Advising appointments can be by telephone, email, or campus visit.

Additional program information and forms are available at: <http://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/atc-pta>.

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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. Additional 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 [Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) at [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov); and O\*Net Online [Summary Report: Physical Therapist Assistants](#) at [www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org).

### **Physical Therapist Assistant Career Overview** (Retrieved from [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org); May 2019)

*Physical therapists and physical therapist assistants (PTAs) under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist are the only providers of physical therapy services. In many practice settings, physical therapists rely on the PTA to assure that all patients/clients have access to physical therapy services. Physical therapy has a long history of returning individuals to their maximum level of physical function and in many cases, patients are being sent to physical therapy instead of surgery. Patients/clients value the individualized, "hands on" approach that characterizes physical therapy care. When a physical therapist sees a patient/client for the first time, he or she examines that individual and develops a plan of care that promotes the ability to move, reduces pain, restores function, and prevents disability. The physical therapist may choose to utilize a PTA in the provision of components of the physical therapy treatment. The physical therapist, PTA, and the patient/client then work side-by-side to make sure that the goals of the plan or care are met.*

*Depending on the particular needs of a patient/client, physical therapists may direct components of a patient/client's interventions (treatments) to a PTA. PTAs provide a variety of physical therapy techniques as they carry out the physical therapist's plan of care for the patient, including therapeutic exercise, functional training, deep soft tissue massage, and physical modalities such as electrotherapy and ultrasound. PTAs may also assist the physical therapist by working with individuals to prevent loss of mobility by implementing fitness- and wellness-oriented programs for healthier and more active lifestyles.*

### **Benefits of a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Career** (Retrieved from [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org); May 2019)

*There are many reasons you should consider a career in physical therapy.*

***Make a Difference.*** "I feel that this career has allowed me to help my patients, community, and fellow staff members. When choosing a profession, I was looking for options that would allow me to make a difference while having the freedom to do different things. I feel that I've found that by being a PTA," said Julie Meseck, PTA. Whether the patient's problem is a result of injury or disease, the physical therapist assistant is an important part of the rehabilitation team dedicated to returning the patient to maximal function. Physical therapist assistants also work with individuals to prevent loss of mobility through implementing fitness- and wellness-oriented programs under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist.

***Be a Movement Expert.*** Physical therapist assistants receive an intensive 2-year (usually 5 semesters) education in human movement and physical function. Physical therapy is an essential element of patient care to promote the patient's ability to move, reduce pain, restore function, and prevent disability. Depending on the particular needs of a patient, physical therapists may choose to utilize a PTA to provide therapeutic exercise, functional training, or soft tissue massage. PTAs may also provide electrotherapy, ultrasound, and other treatments when included in the physical therapist's plan of care for the patient.

***Enjoy Job Security.*** For individuals looking for a rewarding career in a struggling job market and down economy, a career in physical therapy could be the perfect answer. The soaring demand for physical therapist assistants can be attributed to the aging population, particularly baby boomers who are more vulnerable to chronic and debilitating conditions that require physical therapy services. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for physical therapist assistants is expected to spike upward by an astonishing 35% between 2008 and 2018—a much quicker rate than average. As of 2010, there are approximately 63,800

licensed/certified physical therapist assistants working in the United States, and that number is expected to jump to 85,000 over the next 10 years.

**Love Your Job.** Helping people to attain or regain the ability to walk and carry out daily life can lead to a great feeling of personal satisfaction. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wages of PTAs in May 2008 were over \$46,000 with the highest salaries in home health care services and nursing care facilities. Physical therapy services are typically offered during normal working hours, which contributes to life balance for many PTAs.

**Choose Your Location.** Physical therapist assistants work with patients of all ages all across the country. Choose from a wide range of locations and work settings, including hospitals, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, employer settings, and nursing homes.

**Expand Your Skills.** Many PTAs expand their responsibilities in the clinical setting by assuming additional knowledge, skills, and responsibilities in medical billing and coding, clinical management, education, quality improvement, and risk management.

## **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.

### ***Disclosures to prospective students, applicants, and current students***

Physical Therapist Assistant programs, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), satisfy the educational requirements set forth by the State of Ohio and all member jurisdictions of the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy, to apply for licensure and sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination. We recommend that all prospective students, applicants, and current students review licensing requirements for the state in which they are seeking licensure. [Licensing Authority Contact Information](#) with links to the laws and regulations governing the provision of physical therapy services for all jurisdictions is available from the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).

## **Market Outlook**

The [U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor and Statistics](#) states that “overall employment of physical therapist assistants is projected to grow 30 percent from 2016-2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for physical therapy is expected to increase in response to the healthcare needs of an older population and individuals with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and obesity”.

Nationally, [O-Net Online](#) projects the market for PTAs to grow much faster than average with 14,700 job openings from 2016-2026. O-Net Online also reports the median wages for PTAs in 2018 at \$58,040 annually, with a mean hourly wage of \$27.91. Pay rates for skilled nursing facilities and casual call 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](http://www.online.onetcenter.org), 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.

### ***Core Tasks (6 of 18)***

- Instruct, motivate, safeguard, and assist patients as they practice exercises or functional activities.
- Observe patients during treatments to compile and evaluate data on their responses and progress and provide results to physical therapist in person or through progress notes.
- Confer with physical therapy staff or others to discuss and evaluate patient information for planning, modifying, or coordinating treatment.
- Administer active or passive manual therapeutic exercises, therapeutic massage, aquatic physical therapy, or heat, light, sound, or electrical modality treatments, such as ultrasound.
- Measure patients' range-of-joint motion, body parts, or vital signs to determine effects of treatments or for patient evaluations.
- Communicate with or instruct caregivers or family members on patient therapeutic activities or treatment plans.

### **Background Clearances**

All students in PTST technical study 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 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 student's medical records.

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **Program History & Accreditation**

Kent State University East Liverpool Campus (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.

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### **Mission**

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Kent State University prepares graduates to be employed as physical therapist assistants who work under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. Graduates will have the critical thinking skills, excellent knowledge base, competent technical skills, and behaviors consistent with expectations of the physical therapy profession and the communities it serves.

### **Program Goals**

**The PTA Program will,**

- 1. Graduate students who**
  - a. Earn an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology
  - 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 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

### **Student Outcomes**

The Kent State University graduate with an AAS-PTST 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 value-based behaviors of a physical therapist assistant.

**Statistics ASH-ATT Concentration Students: Updated August 2020**

<b>CATALOG YEAR</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
Start Date	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20
Two year Graduation Date	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21
<b>OUTCOMES DATA</b>					
2 year graduation rate	92%	89%	89.5%	*	*
NPTE First attempt	87.5%	84%	88%	*	*
NPTE All Attempts	95.8%	92%	96%	*	*
1 Year Employment Rate (Change from 6 month for 2014 grads)	91%	88%	*	*	*

\* Incomplete Data

## AAS-PTST-ATT Degree

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology (PTST) provides students with the knowledge, skills and behaviors necessary to become licensed or certified as a physical therapist assistant (PTA). Graduates are prepared to work with all patient populations in a variety of clinical settings. Licensure or certification in most states requires graduation from an accredited PTA program, background clearances, and passing the National Physical Therapy Examination.

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 physical therapist assistant 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 as little as 15 months. All ATT concentration students must complete three clinical education experiences, which can normally be arranged anywhere in the country.

The integrated curriculum includes lecture, lecture/lab, seminar and practicum courses. Critical PTST-ATT course content is cumulative and taught in four sequential terms. The technical study 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 minimum of 640 unpaid clinical education hours under the supervision of a licensed PT or PTA. Contracted clinical education sites normally require students to demonstrate both medical and background clearances, as well as the ability to perform the core tasks and essential job functions of a physical therapist assistant ([O-Net Online Summary Report](#)). Students who are unable to perform the core tasks and essential job functions, or who cannot demonstrate medical and background clearance may not be able to complete the requirements for the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology.

## Clinical Education

Each student is required to complete three (3) Practicum in Clinical Education courses: PTST 11092, 22092 and 23092, with a minimum of 640 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.**

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 must include both inpatient and outpatient settings with 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.

### *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. \*\*Note: as of May 2019 California is the only state in which you may not be able to complete clinical education through Kent State University. 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](#).

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 twelve (12) 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 second and third practicums in clinical education are each six (6) week rotations that are full time, 40 hours per week. 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.

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.

**Note: All students in the program are required to provide evidence of state and federal background clearance prior to participating in clinical education.** Students who have any concerns regarding their background should discuss their concerns with the PTST program director, consult a lawyer, and contact the state board regulating physical therapy in their jurisdiction. *Students with criminal record may not be able to practice physical therapy.*

*The following are possible outcomes for students without a clean background:*

- Clinical sites may refuse admission to students with a conviction. A student who is refused admission to a third clinical site is dismissed from the PTST Program.
- The state physical therapy board may deny permission to sit for the licensure examination.
- If a student is able to complete the program and become licensed, there is no guarantee of employability.

### **Academic Schedule**

After acceptance into PTST-ATT technical study, students must complete the core PTST courses in the prescribed sequence. All lectures are available in an asynchronous online format. Online courses have weekly due dates and normally a 24 hour examination window. No specific online meeting times are required.

Students are required to be physically present on the Ashtabula Campus two (2) times each semester. On campus lab weekends are scheduled as 2, 3 or 4 day sessions. Students are responsible for their own transportation and housing arrangements during these weekend sessions. Students making travel arrangements should plan to be on campus during the following hours: Thursday, 1:00 – 6:00 pm; Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

All on-campus lab weekend sessions are mandatory. **Absence from any weekend session will result in failure of the course and a failure to progress in the program. The course will not be offered again until the following year.**

# Technical Study **LAB COURSE** Schedule: PTST-ATT

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

<b>Term</b>		
	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>March 1, 2021</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>May 24-August 18, 2021</b>
	PTST 10010	<b>May 24 – July 19 (10 wks)</b>
	PTST 10010 Midterm Lab	<b>June 24-27 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
	PTST 10010 Final Lab	<b>July 29-August 1 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
<b>Fall</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>August 26 – December 12, 2021</b>
	PTST 10001	<b>August 26 – December 4, 2021</b>
	PTST 10001 Midterm Lab	<b>October 7-10 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
	PTST 10001 Final Lab	<b>December 3-4 (Fri-Sat)</b>
	<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>October 14-17, 2021</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>January 18-May 3, 2022</b>
	PTST 20006	<b>January 18- May 3, 2022</b>
	PTST 20006 Midterm Lab	<b>March 3-6 (Thurs-Sun)</b>
	<b>PTST 20006 Final Lab</b>	<b>April 28-29 (Thurs-Fri)</b>
	<b>SCOREBUILDERS</b>	<b>TBD but tentative for April 30-May 1 (Sat-Sun)</b>
	PTST 11092, Part-time Practicum 1	<b>*January 18- May 6 (10 hrs/wk)</b>
	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>March 27-April 2</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>May 16 – August 5, 2022</b>
	PTST 22005 & 22092 Practicum in CE II	<b>*May 16-June 24 (Full-time 6 wk)</b>
	PTST 22007 & 23092 Practicum in CE III	<b>* June 27 – Aug 5 (full time 6 wk)</b>
	Graduation Date	<b>August 20, 2022</b>
	PTA Licensure Exam	<b>The October 2022 test date is the first available to ATT students. Students in states that require transcripts may not be eligible to sit until January 2023</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.*

## Roadmap: AAS-PTST-ATT

The PTST degree requires 65 credit hours in twenty-seven (27) total courses, including clinical education experiences. Students accepted to the ATT concentration are given advanced placement and awarded the AAS-PTST degree upon completion of the courses listed on the PTST-ATT Roadmap. The four (4) non-critical courses must transfer from another institution or be completed no later than the prescribed semester. **The twelve (12) critical (!) courses** may only be taken after acceptance to PTST-ATT technical study, and must be taken in the semester and order listed. The sequencing of critical (!) courses requires four semesters to complete the degree requirements in 15 months, regardless of how many non-critical classes are completed prior to acceptance to PTST technical study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hrs	Min. Grade
<b>Semester Prerequisite</b>			
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1	
	KENT CORE REQUIREMENTS (POSSIBLE TRANSFER COURSEWORK)	15	
	GENERAL ELECTIVES (POSSIBLE TRANSFER COURSEWORK)	3	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>SEMESTER ONE</b>			
	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3	C
	PTST 10000 INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT	1	C
!	PTST 10010 TRANSITIONS IN PHYSICAL THERAPY	8	C
	TRANSFER CREDIT (NO GRADE) FOR PTAT 20003 AND PTST 20004 AFTER COMPLETING PTST 10010 (MIN C GRADE)	6	
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>SEMESTER TWO</b>			
	AHS 12005 CONCEPTS IN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT	3	C
	AHS 12010 PROFESSIONALISM IN HEALTHCARE	1	C
	AHS 24010 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY OR HED 14020 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY	1	C
!	PTST 10001 PRINCIPLES OF PATIENT CARE IN PHYSICAL THERAPY	4	C
!	PTST 10003 CLINICAL CONDITIONS I	2	C
!	PTST 11005 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE I	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>SEMESTER THREE</b>			
!	PTST 11092 CLINICAL EDUCATION I (ELR)	1	C
!	PTST 20006 PHYSICAL REHABILITATION PROCEDURES	4	C
!	PTST 20008 CLINICAL CONDITIONS III	2	C
!	PTST 22005 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE II	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>SEMESTER FOUR</b>			
!	PTST 20007 PHYSICAL THERAPY PRACTICE III	2	C
!	PTST 22092 CLINICAL EDUCATION PRACTICUM II (ELR)	2	C
!	PTST 23092 CLINICAL EDUCATION PRACTICUM III (ELR)	2	C
	<b>CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>6</b>	
	<b>MINIMUM TOTAL CREDIT HOURS:</b>	<b>65</b>	

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Curriculum details, including course descriptions, prerequisites and schedules are available in the University Catalog at <http://www.kent.edu/gps>.

## ***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.
- **Anatomy & Physiology is accepted from the previous degree for students who have current Board Certification for Athletic Trainer. (Credit for A & P is not listed in the degree audit until the ATT concentration is added.)**
- 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.

AHS 24010 Medical Terminology

AHS 12005 Concepts in Lifespan Development

PSYC 11762 General Psychology

AHS 12010 Professionalism in Healthcare

PTST 10000 Intro to PTA

- 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 & 23092 are both six-week full time clinical education experiences (12 weeks total) during the final summer term.
- Online lecture and/or lab courses may require online testing through Proctorio.com.

## APPLICATION TO PTST-ATT TECHNICAL STUDY

### 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
  - b. Intended Major is: Physical Therapist Assistant Technology
  - c. Apply for the SUMMER of your desired admission year
  - d. Pay \$40 application fee
2. Submit the [online PTST-ATT Technical Study Application](#)
  - a. **THIS IS A SEPARATE APPLICATION FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY**
3. Submit Recommendation Form: The form is found in the back of the packet.
  - a. You must submit one recommendation form.
  - b. If you currently work at least 20 hrs/wk with a licensed PT or PTA in ANY setting you are only required to submit ONE recommendation form.
  - c. If you do not currently work at least 20 hrs/wk 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 a recommendation form from the PT or PTA you observed.
  - d. If you do or do not currently work at least 20 hrs/wk with a licensed PT or PTA in an INPATIENT setting and you submit a recommendation form from an INPATIENT setting either where you currently work or after you arrange observation hours, you will receive 6 EXTRA points in the selective admissions application process.
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 Board of Certification as an Athletic Trainer
7. Request all Transcripts (**including HS, GED, and 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 12 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 <https://fafsa.ed.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>

## **APPLICANT SELECTION PROCESS**

### **Class Selection**

The PTST-ATT major accepts up to 56 students annually. All qualified applicants with complete applications are evaluated on March 1<sup>st</sup>. When there are more qualified applicants than seats available in the class, the Selection Worksheet is used to prioritize the applicants. Seats are then offered to the 56 students with the highest point total in the selection criteria.

If seats in the class are available after the March 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline, enrollment remains open on a first come, first served basis of applicants with the minimum qualifications, until April 1<sup>st</sup> or the class is filled.

### **Notification of Acceptance**

Applicants are notified by **kent.edu email** of their acceptance status, no later than 6 weeks after the application deadline. Please do not call for information regarding the selection results unless you have not heard anything after the 6week timeframe.

### **Applying to Technical Study in Subsequent Years**

Applicants not accepted to technical study in a given year may re-apply in a subsequent year. Recommendation forms are valid and kept in the PTA office for two (2) years after the signature date. Students not selected are encouraged to meet with a program advisor to review the strength of their application and establish a plan to meet their academic and career goals.

## Selection Worksheet

When there are more qualified applicants than available seats, applications are ranked with information from the academic record and submitted application materials. 100 points are possible in the Selection Criteria.

1. **Grade Point Average:** ..... **Maximum of 40 points**

4.0: 40 points	3.5: 25 points	3.0: 10 points
3.9: 37	3.4: 22	2.9: 7
3.8: 34	3.3: 19	2.8: 4
3.7: 31	3.2: 16	2.7: 1
3.6: 28	3.1: 13	
  
2. **Grades in previously completed courses:** ..... **Maximum of 24 points**

Grades earned in the following courses, or the transfer equivalency.

A = 4 points	B = 3 points	C = 1 points	D or F = 0 points
PTST 10000	Introduction to PTA	AHS 12005	Lifespan Development
BSCI 11010	Anatomy & Physiology I	PSYC 11762	General Psychology
BSCI 11020	Anatomy & Physiology II	AHS 24010	Medical Terminology
  
3. **Recommendation:** (Multiple recommendations are averaged) ..... **Maximum of 10 points**

Highly recommended	10	Recommended with Reservation	0
Recommended	5	Not Recommended	-10
  
4. **Essential Behaviors of a qualified applicant.** ..... **Maximum of 12 points**

Points are awarded from the Recommendation Form.

  - ~ Reliability / Accountability
  - ~ Verbal / Non-verbal communication
  - ~ Interpersonal Skills
  - ~ Inquisitiveness, Motivation, Independence
  - ~ Professionalism, Maturity, Ability to work with others
  - ~ Intellectual Potential, Judgment & Common Sense
  
5. **Inpatient PT Experience:** (Minimum 20 hours of work or observation). . . . **Maximum of 6 points**

Recommendation Form documents a minimum of 20 work or observation hours in one of these settings.

<input type="checkbox"/> Acute care	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Subacute care	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Nursing Facility	
  
6. **Essay:** (Graded on the following criteria) ..... **Maximum of 8 points**
  - Follows directions (available on the application)
  - Organized thoughts and ideas that convey an articulate message
  - Excellent spelling, grammar and punctuation
  - Interest in the Physical Therapy profession
  - Depth of writing skill

## **TRANSFER STUDENT POLICIES**

### **Transfer Course Credit**

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 in the KSU [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 your advisor regarding the process to petition for transfer credit.

Students must monitor the Graduation Planning System (GPS) Audit to confirm that transfer courses are recognized as meeting the graduation requirements of the AAS-PTST degree. Petitions to recognize transfer course credit should be completed during the first semester at KSU.

### **Transfer from another PT or PTA Program**

Students who transfer from another physical therapist or physical therapist assistant degree program must apply and be accepted to PTST technical study. **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. Students requesting department approval for CBE must apply and be accepted to PTST technical study; and provide documentation of the following from their previous academic experience.

- a. Institution – Good academic standing and cumulative GPA of 2.7 or better.
- b. PT or PTA coursework – Minimum grade of C in comparable coursework as demonstrated with official transcripts and a course syllabus; or a credentials evaluation for foreign educated physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

Students approved for CBE have one (1) attempt to pass the written and final exams with 72% or better. Any student who is unsuccessful in CBE must take and pass the course.

Upon faculty approval for CBE,

- a. The faculty provide the student with a course syllabus which includes textbook information, required reading and course objectives. Upon request the student is also provided with lecture objectives.
- b. The student submits the CBE form and pays the required fees to the KSU Registrar’s Office.
- c. The student independently studies for and completes the proctored exam(s).

### **Transfer between health care programs at Kent State University**

Students who have been dismissed for academic reasons from a health care program at Kent State University are eligible to apply for acceptance to technical study in 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 assistant technology, physical therapist assistant technology, radiologic technology and respiratory therapy technology, and any other health-related programs identified by the Dean.

### **Completing courses as a guest/transient student at another college**

Students who wish to complete a required PTST course at another institution while enrolled at KSU **must** complete the Transient Request Form (available from the program director) **prior to starting the course**. This process assures that the coursework taken at another university is accepted for transfer and meets the graduation requirements of the PTST Program. PTA students are strongly discouraged from taking transient classes during their final semester because of the difficulty in obtaining transcripts from other institutions of higher education in time for graduation.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Working while in PTST Technical Study**

The Athletic Trainers Transition concentration is designed to enable students to become physical therapist assistants with minimal disruption to their lives by offering all lectures online, requiring minimal on-campus visits, and arranging for clinical rotations in your home area when possible. Many students need to work while enrolled in the program; however each student must assess the flexibility of their job; other commitments and responsibilities; as well as their individual aptitude and learning style to determine their ability to manage 7 to 15 credit hours each semester (determined by the number of open enrollment courses previously completed). Students are expected to invest a minimum of 3 hours in class related activities each week for every academic credit hour; to be present on the Ashtabula Campus twice a semester for 3-day lab weekends; and attend 12 weeks of full time clinical rotations.

### **Tuition and Fees**

[Tuition at Kent State University](#) Regional Campuses, for undergraduate coursework during the 2019-2020 academic year is \$258 per credit hour or \$2,832 for 12-18 credit hours per semester for Ohio residents, and \$620 per credit hour or \$7,014 for 12-18 credit hours per semester for non-Ohio residents. 2020-2021 Tuition and fees will be available on the [Bursar's webpage](#) in Summer 2020.

There is a \$12 per credit hour fee for most PTST courses to cover the cost of lab supplies and some course and program requirements. Fully online undergraduate courses are also assessed an additional per credit hour fee. Tuition and fees are subject to change; please ask your academic advisor for the current [PTST Cost Sheet](#).

Students in the following counties are eligible for a tuition surcharge reduction up of up to \$6,000 per year (depending on number of registered hours): Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania. Additional information is available at <http://www.kent.edu/bursar/tuition-and-fees> or contacting Student Services at 440-964-4217 or [ashtabula\\_admissions@kent.edu](mailto:ashtabula_admissions@kent.edu).

### **Financial Aid and Scholarships**

Many students in PTST technical study 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.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Information on general financial aid and scholarships is available from the Office of Financial Aid: web <https://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/aid>, phone 440-964-4213, or email at [ashtabulafinancialaid@kent.edu](mailto:ashtabulafinancialaid@kent.edu).

## **Technology Requirements**

Successful students in the PTST-ATT Program have access to a computer that has sufficient capability to run the necessary programs, including the Internet-based learning management system, Blackboard Learn; document and PDF creation; document scanning; and video conferencing (Skype). **PLEASE NOTE: Mobile Devices are not recommended for online examinations.**

A DSL, or greater, cable connection is recommended; dial-up is not sufficient.

A laptop or desktop with the following minimum specifications is required:

- Laptop computer with a minimum of a 2 GHz processor and 2 GB of RAM
- Desktop computer with a minimum of a 2 GHz processor and 4 GB of RAM
- PC Users: Windows XP or higher with 1024 MB of RAM or higher
- Mac Users: Mac OS X or higher

Additional Hardware for Proctored examinations and Skype video conferencing:

- A web cam with 640x480 video pixel resolution (web cams built into laptops or monitors are acceptable)
- Headphones or working speakers connected to the computer
- A microphone connected to the computer (your web cam or laptop may already have one built into it)
- A reliable high speed internet connection (minimum 768 Kbps/384 Kbps Download/Upload)
- A web browser with Adobe Flash Player installed

Kent State University provides technical support for a limited number of operating systems and software applications. The following required computer operating systems and software applications are supported by the KSU Helpdesk:

- Windows 7 system operating software for PC computers
- Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard or 10.7 Lion system operating software for Apple Mac computers
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Antivirus for Windows OS, [Microsoft Security Essentials](#)
- Antivirus for Mac OS, [Sophos](#)
- Blackboard IM (Instant Messenger)
- Adobe Acrobat Reader

The Division of [Information Services](#) provides the tools that make it possible to connect with courses, instructors, students and other KSU resources:

- Training in FlashLine, gmail, Blackboard, and more at [support.kent.edu](http://support.kent.edu)
- 24/7 Support at 330-672-HELP (4357)
- **FREE** [Microsoft Office 365](#), and Security Essentials
- Distance learning technology, including Cisco VPN and Respondus Lock Down Browser

## **STUDENT RESOURCES**

Students are required to purchase the textbooks and certain electronic resources as detailed in each syllabus for each course. Barnes and Noble ([bncollege.com](http://bncollege.com)) manages the Kent State Bookstores on each campus, and they do price match with Amazon.

The PTST faculty is available to help you. Each instructor has scheduled virtual office hours, and will respond to phone and email communications within 48 hours. *Be proactive and let us know when you need help.*

One of the best resources is your classmates. It is highly recommended to study with other students, and develop a network of colleagues to help each other learn, retain and apply new information.

Tutoring is available free of charge for any class that you take at KSUA. Contact the Office of Academic Services (440-964-4304) to arrange for in person, online or virtual tutoring. The Office of Academic Services also provides disability services, student intervention, workshops and print materials for many life and academic skills.

Technology support is offered through the Ashtabula Helpdesk (IT Computer Center) as well as the Kent Campus End User Support Services Helpdesk. Person-to-person assistance at the Ashtabula Campus IT Computer Center Helpdesk is available by phone, email, or in person on the Ashtabula campus. Check the days and times at <http://www.kent.edu/ashtabula/technology-help>. The KSUA Helpdesk phone number is 440-964-4357, or email them at [helpdesk-ashtabula@kent.edu](mailto:helpdesk-ashtabula@kent.edu).

Students and guests with their own computer have access to a wireless network anywhere on campus. Students who need a computer while on campus have access to multiple labs on the KSUA campus, including one on the second floor of the Health Science Building. Printing and scanning services are available in the computer labs, and other technology is available upon request, including laptop computers, media carts, and traveling electronic media presentation units (PAL units). Instruction on how to use Kent email and other accounts is also available through the Helpdesk.

The Kent Campus End User Support Services Helpdesk is available to our students 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, including holidays. Contact information for this service is 330-672-HELP, email: [helpdesk@kent.edu](mailto:helpdesk@kent.edu), and website: <http://helpdesk.kent.edu>. The following services are also available: Desktop support, Project management, E-mail management, Educational technology, multimedia and course development, Blackboard/Vista Course management, network access and network connections, and administrative systems.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### Directions to KSU at Ashtabula

The KSU Ashtabula Campus is located in the Northeast corner of Ohio across from beautiful Lake Erie on Route 531/Lake Road. The campus address is 3300 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004. The campus has good access from two major highways, Interstate 90 and Route 11.

**From Interstate 90:** Take the State Route 45 exit (Exit #223) and go north towards Lake Erie until it ends (approx. 6.5 miles). Turn right (east) on Route 531 (Lake Road) and proceed 2 miles to Kent State Ashtabula.

**From Route 11:** Follow Rt. 11 north until it ends. Turn left (west) on Route 531 and follow signs through the Historic Ashtabula Harbor. Rt. 531 turns right at a stoplight before McDonalds and Kent State Ashtabula will be on your left in 1.2 miles.

**Location of the Physical Therapy Department Offices:** Upon arrival at the Robert S. Morrison Hall, the secretary's office (room 121) is located just inside the building entrance on the left. She will direct you to the PTA Lab (room 134), or the Program Director's office (room 136), which are both located on the first floor halfway through the building, just past the stairs in the hallway to your right.

### Airports

**Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE)**      68 miles, 1 hour 21 min.  
5300 Riverside Dr, Cleveland, OH 44135  
(216) 265-6000

**Erie International Airport (ERI)**      48 miles, 58 minutes  
4411 W 12th St, Erie, PA 16505-3035  
(814) 833-4258

**Akron-Canton Airport (CAK)**      1 hour 50 min/94 miles  
5400 Lauby Road NW, North Canton, OH 44720-1598  
330-499-4221 or 330-896-2385; 1-888-433-2359 (toll free)

### Housing Options

This is not an exhaustive list, but these are some recommendations. Other options may be available online. We recommend that you book early for summer weekends, as these tend to fill quickly. The Lodge (listed first) is very nice and is recommended if you are bringing guests. (Note: All prices subject to change)

**The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake** (7.6 mi, 15 min)  
4888 North Broadway (State Route 534 North)      866-806-8066, 440-466-7100  
Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio 44041      <http://www.thelodgeatgeneva.com/>  
Request KSU rate

**Americas Best Value Inn** (8.4 miles, 17 min)  
2352 State Route 45      888-315-BEST (2378), 440-275-2011  
Austinburg, OH 44010      [www.americasbestvalueinn.com](http://www.americasbestvalueinn.com)  
Request KSU rate  
Normal rates start at \$80/night (varies)

**Hampton Inn - Ashtabula** (8.4 miles, 16 min.)

2900 G.H. Drive  
Austinburg, OH 44010  
Request KSU rate

440-275-2000, 800-HAMPTON  
[www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/index.html](http://www.hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/index.html)

Normal rates start at \$110/night (varies)

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites – Ashtabula-Geneva** (8.1 miles, 16 min.)

1831 Austinburg (Rte 45)  
Ashtabula, OH 44010  
Request KSU rate

888-465-4329, 440-275-2020  
[www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

Normal rates start at \$150/night (varies)

**Ramada - Austinburg/Ashtabula** (8.2 miles, 16 min.)

1860 Austinburg Rd  
Austinburg, OH 44010  
Request KSU rate

440-275-2711  
[www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)

Normal rates start at \$109/night (varies)

**Sleep Inn & Suites - Austinburg** (8.2 miles, 16 min.)

9350 Center Rd  
Austinburg, Oh 44010  
Request KSU rate

440-275-6800, 877-424-6423  
[www.sleepinn.com](http://www.sleepinn.com)

Normal rates start at \$109/night (varies)

**Motel 6 - Geneva – I90 & Rt. 534** (13.1 miles, 22 min.)

1715 State RT 534  
Geneva, OH  
Request KSU rate

440-466-1168  
[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

Normal rates start at \$109/night (varies)

**Airbnb in Ashtabula County**

Private rooms, apartments, homes to stay in Ashtabula County

Rates start at \$49/night

<https://www.airbnb.com/s/Ashtabula-County--OH>

**Complaints, Concerns & Compliments**

Feedback is welcome and appreciated regarding the AAS-PTST degree program at Kent State University, including the curriculum, outcomes, students, or faculty. Please put any comments in writing to the assistant dean.

Ashtabula Campus: [kdeemer@kent.edu](mailto:kdeemer@kent.edu)

***Chain of Communication***

The PTST Program makes every effort to be fair and objective in every decision that affects students. However, occasionally mistakes and/or miscommunication do occur. In those instances when a student wishes to challenge a decision, appropriate behaviors are essential to resolving the concerns in a professional manner.

The following step-wise progression should be used to achieve an appropriate resolution to any concern. It is normally inappropriate to bypass a step to “go right to the top”. When resolution/understanding is achieved the

process ends without going to the next person on the list.

- 1) Self-assess and review your facts and perceptions.
- 2) Make an appointment with the Program Director to express your questions or concerns.
- 3) Should you still have a concern, consult the campus Assistant Dean.

[Kent State University Administrative Policy 8-01.4](#) provides information regarding the formal complaint process at Kent State University. Complaint forms and process may be obtained from the Assistant Dean.

### **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 Amanda Dolan by email, [adolan5@kent.edu](mailto:adolan5@kent.edu), to inquire about appropriate accommodations.

## Anticipated Tuition & Fee Costs for the PTST Technical Study Student

(Revised May 2019 for academic year 2019-20)

Anticipated tuition and fees incurred by PTST and PTST-ATT students in academic year 2019-20 are based on current information provided by the Kent State University Bursar's Office. Costs per semester will vary, depending on academic load, courses previously completed, and the delivery method. Please note that tuition and fees reflect the amount approved for academic year 2018-19 and are subject to change.

### A. Summary of Expected Costs per Course

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	\$258	\$620	--	\$12	\$22	0	
AHS 12005	3	\$774	\$1860	--	\$36	\$66		
AHS 22002	3	\$774	\$1860	--	--	--	\$135	
AHS 22003	1	\$258	\$620	--	--	--		
AHS 24010	1	\$258	\$620	--	\$12	\$22	\$48	
BSCI 11010	3	\$774	\$1860		--	--		
BSCI 11020	3	\$774	\$1860		--	--		
PSYC 11762	3	\$774	\$1860		\$462	\$492		
Kent Core	15	\$3870	\$9,300		\$154/hr	\$164/hr		
PTST 10000	1	\$258	\$620	--	\$12	\$22	\$40	
PTST 10001	4	\$1032	\$2480	\$48	--	--	\$106	\$118 CastleBranch
PTST 10003	2	\$516	\$1240		\$24	\$44	\$95	
PTST 10004	4	\$1032	\$2480	\$48	--	--	\$78	
PTST 10010	8	\$2064	\$4960	--	--	--	\$355	\$60-\$180 CastleBranch
PTST 11005	2 <sup>6</sup>	\$516	\$1240	\$24	\$24	\$44	\$35	
PTST 11092	1	\$258	\$620	\$12	--	--	0	
PTST 20003	2	\$516	\$1240		--	--	\$73	
PTST 20004	4	\$1032	\$2480	\$48	--	--	\$90	
PTST 20006	4	\$1032	\$2480	\$48	--	--	\$165	
PTST 20008	2	\$516	\$1240		\$24	\$44	0	
PTST 22005	2 <sup>6</sup>	\$516	\$1240	\$24	\$24	\$44	0	\$90 APTA Membership
PTST 22007	2 <sup>6</sup>	\$516	\$1240	\$24	\$24	\$44	\$75	
PTST 22092	2	\$516	\$1240	\$24	--	--	0	
PTST 23092	2	\$516	\$1240	\$24	--	--	0	

1. Tuition and fees are established annually by the KSU Board of Directors.
2. Ohio Residents: \$258 per credit hour; or \$2,832 for 11-18 credit hours.
3. Non-Ohio Residents: \$620 per credit hour; or \$6,932 for 12-18 credit hours or more per semester. (Students in the following counties are eligible for a tuition surcharge reduction: Brooke, Hancock, and Ohio counties in West Virginia; Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, and Mercer counties in Pennsylvania. Contact financial aid for details.)
4. PTST Course/Program Fees: \$12 per credit hour in selected courses.
5. Distance Learning fees for fully online courses: Resident = \$12.00/hr, Non-Ohio Resident = \$22.00/hr.
6. Beginning in Fall 2016, PTST 11005, 22005 & 22007 changed from 1 credit hour to 2 credit hour courses.
7. Barnes & Noble Textbook pricing

8. Castle Branch background check and clinical requirements tracking. Cost range dependent on state and additional clinical requirements.
9. APTA student membership

**B. Cost to complete all course requirements on the PTST or PTST-ATT Roadmap.**

	PTST East Liverpool		PTST Ashtabula		PTST-ATT Ashtabula		
	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Credit Hour	In-State Tuition	Out of State tuition
Summer	10	\$2580	--	--	--		
Semester 1	12	\$2832	14	\$2832	12	\$2832	\$7014
Summer	--		8	\$2064	--		
Semester 2	16	\$2832	16	\$2832	15	\$2832	\$7014
Summer	1	\$258	--		--		
Semester 3	13	\$2832	12	\$2832	9	\$2322	\$5580
Summer	--		2	\$516	--		
Semester 4	13	\$2832	13	\$2832	6	\$1548	\$3720
<b>Tuition</b>		\$14,166		\$13,908		\$9,534	\$23,328
<b>Course Fees</b>		\$324 <sup>1</sup>		\$324 <sup>1</sup>		\$228 <sup>1</sup>	\$228 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Textbooks &amp; Subscriptions</b>		\$1,138		\$1,138		\$1,138	\$1,138
<b>Distance Learning / Online Fees</b>		Not Required		Not Required		\$654	\$844
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$15,628</b>		<b>\$15,370</b>		<b>\$11,554</b>	<b>\$25,538</b>

1. **Course Fees: PTST Technical Study:** Disposable lab supplies, Gait Belt & Goniometer, Nametag, CPI Web, Exercise Pro Live Subscription, Theraband Sample Pack, Online Advantage exam, NPTE Review Course
2. **Course Fees: PTST-ATT Technical Study:** Disposable lab supplies, Exercise Pro Live subscription, Gait Belt & Goniometer, Nametag, CPI Web, Online Advantage exam.

**C. Additional Expenses normally incurred by PTST & PTST-ATT students.**

Physical examination and current immunizations (Cost varies by provider)

CPR certification (Approximately \$35-50)

Clinical education expenses: Travel, uniform, meals, drug test, additional background checks

Fees associated with becoming licensed (Approximately \$750)

Cost for travel, lodging and meals to attend the six (6) required on-campus ATT 3-day lab weekends.

## Instructions for the Observation & Recommendation Form

### Instructions for Students – PART I

- Print applicant name and contact information.
- Sign and date the declaration and the waiver to review.
- Provide this form to a licensed PT or PTA for completion of PART II.

### Instructions for Clinicians – PART II

- The Recommendation Form must be completed by a licensed PT or PTA.
- The person completing the form should be the person who spent a significant amount of the time with the student.
- Recommendation forms are not accepted from relatives of the applicant.
- Once the applicant signs the waiver, they are NEVER allowed to see the Observation and Recommendation Form.
- The therapist's honest and forthright responses are essential to the application and selection process.
- Please contact the PTA program office with any questions about either the recommendation process or the PTA program at KSU.
- **FAX or mail the Observation and Recommendation Form before the March 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline:**

*Physical Therapist Assistant Program*  
**Kent State University at Ashtabula**  
**3300 Lake Road West**  
**Ashtabula, OH 44004**

**FAX: 440-964-4355**  
**Phone: 440-964-4252**

### Thank You Clinicians:

The time you take to introduce future PTA students to the physical therapy profession is very much appreciated. Your recommendation is used to help determine which applicants are selected for the incoming class in the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Program at Kent State. We hope this process is enjoyable for you, and rewarding for the applicant. We truly appreciate your honest and candid opinion.

**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 mailed/faxed. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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**Recommendation Forms are due by March 1<sup>st</sup>**