

UA Cossatot

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

The UA Cossatot Physical Therapist Assistant Program admissions criteria requires applicants to successfully complete all pre-requisite course work with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 3.0 for A&P I and A&P II. A&P I and II must be completed within the last five years. The admission procedure is based on a point system using the following criteria:

PTA prerequisite GPA	30%
Anatomy & Physiology GPA	20%
Reference Forms	10%
Observation Hours	10%
TEAS V exam score	5%

Upon calculation of the above points, the highest ranking applicants will be selected for an interview. Applicants will be notified if an interview has or has not been granted. The interview will account for the remaining point value available:

Interview score	25%
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After scores have calculated, the top 16 applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the PTA Program. However, applicants must opt to accept the offer if they wish to enroll. Five alternates will also be chosen according to the next ranking scores in the event an applicant is unable to enroll. Applicants that are not selected will be notified of such and advised in the re-application process.

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Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. UA Cossatot is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE. On June 1, 2017, the program submitted an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the technical phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in technical courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation. IMPLICATIONS OF AUGUST GRADUATION: The developing physical therapist assistant program at UA Cossatot is planning for a charter class graduation in August, 2019. Initial accreditation decisions are acted upon at the next regularly scheduled Fall Meeting of the Commission following the on-site visit, which must occur during the penultimate term when the charter class is enrolled. CAPTE will not make exceptions to its Rules to accommodate graduation dates that precede regularly scheduled CAPTE meeting dates, e.g., graduation in the summer. A summer graduation does not allow the initial accreditation decision to occur prior to the graduation date. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) sets the dates for licensing exams. The first sitting for which students with an August graduation date would be in January. Therefore, the timing of the planned graduation date increases the likelihood of a significant financial disadvantage for students due to an approximate six-month delay in possible employment as a physical therapist assistant.

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