To the applicant: Generally, those considering a career in any healthcare field can make a more informed choice based on personal experience or observation. Therefore, prospective students are required to perform a minimum of 16 hours of clinical observation at two different Physical Therapy clinical settings. Types of clinical settings include hospitals, home care agencies, nursing homes, and outpatient clinics.

Applicants need to complete eight hours in two different settings, not just two different clinics. If, for example, an applicant completes his/her observation hours at two different locations, but the same type of setting, additional observation hours will be required prior to acceptance into the PTA Program.

Applicants must contact the site in advance and schedule a time for observation while a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant is working. Applicants should realize that many physical therapy education programs require observation hours prior to admission, and clinics are only able to accommodate a limited number of prospective students at one time. Therefore, please plan accordingly.

Things to remember:
- take this form with you to the observation experience and obtain the clinician’s signature to confirm your observation hours,
- use a new form for each site, and
- return the completed forms with your application packet.

While at any clinical site, applicants must maintain the highest level of professional behaviors. Specifically, please do not wear jeans, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or open-toed sandals. Tattoos should not be visible and jewelry should be limited to one earring per ear lobe. Your overall look must be neat and clean to inspire confidence in the patient-provider interaction. As a professional courtesy, you are expected to arrive early and to contact the therapist immediately should a need to reschedule occur.

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I authorize the Physical Therapist Assistant Program to contact the PT/PTA, named on the reverse side, if questions arise regarding this observation experience.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________

Applicant’s Signature: ________________________________________

Date: _______________________________________________________
**To the clinician:** As an admission requirement to the PTA Program offered at Jefferson College, applicants are required to observe a PT or a PTA for a minimum of 16 hours in two different clinical settings. If the information for the prospective student is correct for today’s observation, then please complete and sign the form below and return it to the applicant.

Facility/Clinical Site: ____________________________  Total Hours Observed: ___

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Printed Name of Observed PT or PTA: ____________________________

PT or PTA’s Signature and Credentials: ____________________________

PT or PTA’s Phone: ____________________________

- Did the applicant observe treatment?  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Did the applicant present himself/herself in a professional manner?  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Did the applicant arrive on time?  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Did the applicant demonstrate interest in the patients and their treatments?  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Did the applicant show enthusiasm toward the profession?  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Are you interested in serving as a clinical fieldwork educator?  
  - Yes  
  - No

  If yes, please list your e-mail address: ____________________________

Thank you for sharing your time and expertise. We appreciate the support. Please contact PTA Program Director, Bridget Webb, at 636-481-3414, if you have comments regarding this applicant or if you would like information about our program.