

Verification Form for PTA Observation Hours Name _____

YOU NEED A TOTAL OF 12 HOURS

Make an appointment with a PT or PTA at your first clinical site. Negotiate with them what days and hours would be most suitable for them (as well as for you). Be sure that you keep these appointments to observe with them. You can go for as little as an hour at a time, if it is agreeable with them. Plan to observe half of your hours in one clinic (6 hours) and half at another site (see “Suggestions for PTA Observation Hours”), or observe for shorter times at more clinical sites. Let them know when you are approaching your last hour at their site. Complete the same process with subsequent sites. Please bring this form with you to that final observation session at each site and ask the PT or PTA to complete a line in this table below:

Clinician’s Name and Credentials (PT, PTA)	Clinical Site and City Location	Number of Hours Student Observed	Student was punctual and respectful (yes, no)	Any comments?
TOTAL HOURS COMPLETED				

Suggestions for PTA Observation Hours

Students applying to the PTA program are required to document at least 12 hours (TOTAL) of observation in at least two different kinds of PT settings. Call a clinical site, explain that you are applying to this program and ask if you could shadow or observe with a PT or PTA.

Here is a brief list to help you select appropriate different settings. **This is not an exhaustive list, but is meant to guide you in your selection. For more options, please do an online search of “physical therapy facilities” in your geographical area.**

For Site 1 Outpatient orthopedic PT clinics (active adult population) such as:

- ATI (East Longmeadow, Belchertown, Wilbraham)
- Health South Outpatient Rehab
- NEOSPT
- Aegis (Hadley)

For Site 2 Residential (inpatient) rehab, skilled nursing, or long term care (geriatric or elderly population) such as:

- Country Estates, Agawam
- Genesis: Heritage Hall, Agawam and Kimberly Hall, Windsor, CT
- Lifecare Center, Wilbraham
- Health South Rehab Hospital, Ludlow
- Touchpoints (Connecticut)
- Wingate (various locations)