

# Verification Form for PTA Observation Hours or Interview

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

As part of the application process to the STCC Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program, applicants are required to gain exposure to the profession prior to admission. This requirement may be completed in one of the following ways:

1. Complete 5 observation hours in at least 1 physical therapy clinic in your area (hours to be documented in the chart); **OR**
2. Complete an interview with a physical therapy clinician: PT or PTA no greater than 6 months prior to applying. A word document providing a summary of the interview should be forwarded as proof of completion.

Please note: Clinical sites determine their own policies regarding student observation. If a facility is unable to accommodate in-person observation hours, applicants may request to complete a professional interview instead. This ensures all applicants have the opportunity to explore the profession prior to entering the program.

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?
<b>TOTAL HOURS COMPLETED</b>				

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Suggested questions for interview: How long have you been a therapist? Have you always worked in this practice setting? What do you like most about physical therapy? What advice do you have for a student considering this profession?

Upon completion of the interview, write up your notes and responses and provide a summary of the interview. You should include why the STCC PTA program is the right fit for you. Be sure to include the name and contact information of the therapist you interviewed.

Here is a brief list to help you select a site. **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.**

**Outpatient orthopedic PT clinics (active adult population) such as:** (many have several sites in Western MA)

- ATI
- NEOSPT
- Select Physical Therapy
- Hospital-Based facilities (Baystate, Mercy, Cooley Dickinson)

**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)
- Bronson Rehab at Baystate Noble, Westfield