



BYU-IDAHO PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

Experience Hours

Applicants are required to get a minimum of 60 hours of experience in a physical therapy setting. Hours can be counted when shadowing, volunteering or working with a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. It has been our experience that students do much better in the physical therapist assistant program if they have some idea as to what they are getting into.

We require that you get experience in at least two different physical therapy settings. We will not accept all 60 hours from the same clinic. Forty or more hours of experience in an out-patient physical therapy clinic setting and twenty or more hours of experience are required in an acute care setting. Acute care settings include any setting where patients receive treatments in their place of residence. Acute Care, Rehab/Sub Acute Rehab, Extended Care/Nursing Home/SNF, Home Health, or Pediatric facility count as acute care hours for this application. Beginning 2023, the minimum of 60 hours will be divided evenly into 30 or more hours in an out-patient setting and 30 or more hours acute care.

As you complete your experience hours, we need to have you document your hours. You may print as many forms as you need on the next page. However, if you have already completed hours elsewhere and you want to use alternative documentation, then be sure that it includes the following items:

- Name, address and phone number of clinic
- Type of therapy seen, including examples (at least 2 different clinical settings)
- Name of supervisor (Must be a PT or PTA)
- Number of hours of experience (at least 60 total and at least 20 in acute care)
- Signature of your supervisor (certifying the number of hours you are documenting).

Submit this documentation with all other forms in the application packet.

Also, in Appendix C, you will find a form that we require as our “letter” of recommendation. Please have the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who observed you in your experience hours the most fill out the recommendation form. The recommendation form should be put in a sealed envelope with the recommender’s signature across the seal on the back. Please include these forms as part of your application when you submit it.



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Experience Documentation From

Shadowing, volunteer, or work experience under the supervision of any licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant will be acceptable. You should have experience in at least two different settings. A minimum of **60 total hours** is required. Of these 60 hours, a minimum of **20 hours in an acute care setting** is required (Acute Care, Rehab/Sub Acute Rehab, Extended Care/Nursing Home/SNF, Home Health, or Pediatric facility).

Name, Address and Phone Number of Clinic:	
Total Hours in this Clinic:	
Type of Therapy Observed (Give examples of some of the things you experienced):	
Name of Supervising Therapist (PT or PTA):	
Signature of Supervising Therapist:	

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