TCL Division of Health Science Program

- Associate in Applied Science
  - Major: Physical Therapy Assistant
Physical Therapist Assistant
PTA

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• Accredited
  Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
• Fall entry only
  • 5 semesters (Associate in Applied Degree)
  • Eligible for National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) licensure exam
• Accept 16 students
Deadline Date
for Application to The PTA Program

- April 15, 2015
How Do I Begin?

1. Apply to the college
   - Building 2 (Coleman Hall) in Beaufort
   - New River Campus in Bluffton
   - Hampton Campus (Mungin Center) in Hampton
   - Online at [www.tcl.edu](http://www.tcl.edu).
   - Acceptance to TCL does **NOT** guarantee acceptance into a health science program

2. Have **ALL** official transcripts sent to college’s Beaufort Admissions Office
   - High school or GED certificate
   - All college

3. Apply for Financial Aid
I’ve never been to College!

Placement test – COMPASS

1. Make appointment to take
   • Testing Center (Building 1, Room 201) Beaufort
     • Call (843) 525-8344
   • New River Campus in Bluffton
     • Call (843) 470-6002
   • Hampton Campus in Hampton
     • Call (803) 943-4262

2. Tests
   • English
   • Math
   • Reading

3. Takes at least 2 hours to complete
   • Be prepared to take the test (e.g. review basic skills in English, Math, Reading)

4. Get results immediately
   • Establishes readiness for college courses
I’ve been to college!
Do I need to take the COMPASS?

A grade of a “C” or better in
  * College English and college math (algebra)
    OR
  * History/Psychology and college math (algebra)

MAY NOT need to take COMPASS! 😊
Is there a time limit on College courses?

Math and Science have a 5 year time limit.

- Longer time lapse since taking Science courses (e.g., Anatomy and Physiology) may impact how well you perform in PTA-related classes.
What is next?

- Advising appointment
  - Call (843) 525-8267

- Bring Compass results (if applicable)
  - Determine curriculum readiness
  - May need to take college courses to evaluate academic success

- Bring College transcripts (if applicable)
  - Evaluate courses for transfer
  - Need grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater

- Take required Entrance Test (TEAS) after the advising appointment
What is the TEAS?

- Entrance Test

- Tests English, math, reading, and science skills
  - No calculators
  - Computerized

- Results are good for 3 years at TCL

- Cost is $60 for students; $90 for non-students
  - Pay for test in Building 2, Cashier

- Takes about 3½ hours to complete
  - Computerized
  - Able to print the results on completion
  - Be prepared to take test (e.g. well rested, review of tested topics)
Is there a study guide?

Yes

May be purchased at the TCL Bookstore
Cost is $ 63.35
Where do I go to take the TEAS Test?

- Testing Center-Beaufort Campus
  - Located in Building 1; Room 210

- Call 843-470-8400 to schedule a testing time

- Must have and present:
  - Receipt of payment
  - Picture ID
  - Bring pencils (scrap paper provided)
The TEAS is computerized

- Timed test

- Key to success
  - Tutoring available at the Academic Support Center 525-8221
  - Use study guide
  - Practice the sample tests with a timer
    - TCL Testing Center web site www.tcl.edu
Do I get a copy of my results?

Yes
You may print a copy of your results from ATITESTING.com
What is passing?

- Composite Average
  - 63% Version V
How often can I take it?

May retake the test one time in a 12 month period
I passed the TEAS Test!
What do I do now?

Complete program specific health science application checklist and weighted admissions sheet, schedule an appointment with advisor to request an application to PTA program.
Application Checklist

- Complete health science program checklist
  - Sign application checklist
  - Turn signed application checklist and weighted admissions sheet into the Division of Health Sciences
  - Bring a copy of your TEAS results to appointment with advisor
- Meet the published application deadline date.
Let’s Wrap It Up! 😊
Tie Up the Loose Ends

1. Apply to TCL
2. Request *ALL* official transcripts be sent to TCL Admissions office
3. Take entrance exam (TEAS Test)
4. Complete application checklist and weighted admissions sheet
5. Meet with Health Science advisor
6. Apply by published deadline
Questions?

- Email mosullivan@tcl.edu
- Call 843-525-8267 and schedule an appointment
- Thank you for your interest in TCL’s PTA Program