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**Physical Therapist Assistant**

**Portfolio**

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# Portfolio Deadline

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**Portfolios Will Be Accepted: September 3, 2024 – November 1, 2024**

**Portfolio Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024 at 5 p.m.**

**All Admissions Decisions Sent on or about: Friday, November 22, 2024**

All admissions decisions will be sent to the **student's RCSJ Gloucester email address**. Applicants should ensure they have access to this email account **prior** to submission of portfolio. **All admissions decisions are final.**

To confirm acceptance, a \$100 non-refundable tuition deposit and evidence of a complete criminal history background check (CHBC) and urine drug screen will be due within two weeks after the notification date. The offer of acceptance will be rescinded if the deposit, CHBC and urine drug screen are not received by the due date.

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## How to Submit Your Complete Portfolio

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All applicants to the Physical Therapist Assistant program must review the 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant admissions handbook **before** completing the Portfolio. The Admissions Handbook contains all current policies and procedures for submitting a complete portfolio.

Complete PTA portfolios may be submitted at any time from September 3, 2024 through November 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. **Complete portfolios can be submitted either in-person at the Gloucester Campus admissions office or by mail. Electronic submissions of portfolios are not accepted.**

Once submitted, the portfolio is a final document and property of the College. Students cannot add, edit, or remove documentation from their portfolio after submission. Portfolios will not be reviewed by RCSJ Staff for completion prior to submission.

Compile all required documentation and secure in a large manila envelope. Do not use file folders, binders, folders with sheet protectors, or mailing envelopes. Your portfolio should be able to be sealed with all documents inside. Manila envelopes can be found at most stationery stores, wholesale retailers (ex. Walmart or Target), and post offices.

**Write the following on the front of the manila envelope:**

- Student's Name
- RCSJ Student ID number
- 2025 PTA Portfolio
- Gloucester Campus

**If mailing your portfolio, please use the address below:**

Rowan College South Jersey  
Admissions Office  
ATTN: Selective Admissions Portfolio  
1400 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080

***Please allow extra time for mailed portfolios to be received!***

Applicants should contact Selective Admissions at Gloucester Campus with any questions on whether a document needs to be included **prior** to submission of their PTA portfolio.

# 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Portfolio Checklist

Complete the following sections and include each document in your large manila envelope. Check each box as you include the document. The order of the portfolio should match the order of the checklist. **Do not** staple, paper clip, or binder clip pages together. Please type or print clearly. **Use blue or black ink if handwriting application.**

## Part I: Required Forms:

All forms must be completed and signed (where necessary) by the applicant before submission.

- 2025 Portfolio Checklist
- 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Application
- General Admission Completion Form – signed by both admissions and applicant
- 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Portfolio Submission Agreement
- 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Information Session Proof of Attendance  
Date Attended: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Ranking Scoresheet
- Observation Hours Form (Must include a business card or letter on company letterhead for each PT/PTA observed)

## Part II: Required Transcripts and Score Reports:

- Official HESI a2 Exam Score Report  
Must be in sealed envelope from Testing Center. Unofficial scores printed by the student are NOT acceptable.
- Unofficial RCSJ Transcript  
Print directly from your RCSJ student portal.
  - N/A – I have never generated an academic record/taken a class at RCSJ. No transcript included.
- Official College Transcripts  
Write the name of each college where you generated an academic record and include an official transcript for each. Do not include RCSJ on this list.
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Official High School Transcript  
Print directly from your RCSJ student portal.
  - N/A – My high school transcript is on file with the admissions office AND I am using college level lab science(s) and algebra course for admission ranking. No high school transcript included.
- Verification of Instruction Method Form, provided for:
  - Anatomy & Physiology I
  - Anatomy & Physiology II
  - Both A&PI and A&PII are from RCSJ – Verification of Instruction Method Form not included
  - I have not taken college level Anatomy I and Anatomy II that are equivalent to RCSJ courses – Verification of Instruction Method Form not included

## 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Application

*This application is **not** the same as your general admissions application.  
Please type or print clearly. Use **blue or black ink** if handwriting application.*

**Applicant Information:**

RCSJ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female

RCSJ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone  Home Phone  Work Phone  
 Can leave a message/text  Don't leave a message/text

Alternate Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  Cell Phone  Home Phone  Work Phone  
 Can leave a message/text  Don't leave a message/text

**Education Information:**

*Please list below all high schools, vocational/technical schools, and colleges/universities attended, **including RCSJ**. This section needs to match the information on the portfolio checklist **and** in the student's current RCSJ file.*

Name of Institution:	Address:	Dates Attended:	Degree Received:
High School	City/State	Month/Year	
Vocational/Technical School	City/State	Month/Year	
College/University	City/State	Month/Year	
College/University	City/State	Month/Year	
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# RCSJ General Admission Completion Form

## Directions:

1. Complete information requested in the Student Section (name, ID number, signature, and date.)
2. Request an Admissions Office Staff Member to review your form in either of the following ways:
  - a. In-person at Gloucester Campus admissions office window. *No appointment necessary!*
  - b. Scan the form and send it via email: *SelectiveAdmissions@rcsj.edu*
3. Admissions Office Staff will review, sign, and note successful completion with a colorful checkmark across the form.
4. Include completed form with checkmark in portfolio. **Requests made after the November 1, 2024 deadline will not be honored.**

## Student Section:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RCSJ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting a portfolio for the **2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Program** at the Gloucester Campus.

I request the Admissions Office to verify my general admission application (including application, high school completion credentials, and college level placement in reading, writing, and math) is complete.

I acknowledge that only **after** an Admissions Office Staff Member signs this form it will be ready to be enclosed in the portfolio.

My signature acknowledges that I, the applicant to the program named above, am solely responsible for ensuring I meet the general admission requirements **before** submitting a portfolio.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RCSJ Admissions Office Section: **DO NOT COMPLETE – For Admissions Office Staff ONLY**

1. **General Application:** This applicant has a completed general admissions application to the campus designated in Applicant Section.

Yes     No

2. **High School Completion Credentials:**

\_\_\_ Preliminary high school transcript (*send final copy after graduation*)

\_\_\_ Official high school transcript

\_\_\_ Home school transcript

\_\_\_ GED

\_\_\_ Applicant is missing high school completion credentials.

3. **RCSJ Placement Test Status:** This applicant satisfied the RCSJ placement test or received a testing exemption in the following areas (*Note: all three must be satisfied to submit a portfolio*):

Reading

Writing

Math

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

No: \_\_\_\_\_

Admissions Office Staff Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Portfolio Submission Agreement

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***Please read the following statements carefully***

- I reviewed the PTA Admission Handbook posted on the Selective Admissions website before completing my portfolio. I understand the contents of the document and adhere to all regulations, policies, and procedures contained within. I acknowledge and understand I am solely responsible for following the policies and procedures for the Selective Admissions process.
- I understand admission to the PTA program is not guaranteed, even if I meet or exceed all admissions ranking requirements.
- I certify that all documents and information provided by me are true, accurate and complete. Any misleading or false information may result in actions including, but not limited to, discipline, dismissal or denial of application to all selective admission programs. In addition, I realize my acceptance may be revoked if I engage in behavior that questions my honesty, integrity, maturity or ethical character.
- I further understand that once I submit this portfolio to the RCSJ Admissions Office, it is a final document and property of the College. I understand failure to include any required documentation will result in an incomplete portfolio and I will be ineligible for admission to the 2025 PTA Program. This includes omission of any college transcript.
- The Buckley Amendment (Privacy Act) requires student permission before transferable college courses may be added to the student's academic record. I grant permission to the College to transfer any applicable courses and change my major course of study, should I be accepted to the program.
- I understand I am solely responsible for the contents and completion of this portfolio. My signature below confirms I understand and agree to the statements above.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

RCSJ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2025 Physical Therapist Assistant Admission Ranking Scoresheet

## 30% – HESI a2 Exam – Academic Sections

Include official score report from the Testing Center where you took the exam in your portfolio. Applicants must meet minimum required score in ALL areas to be considered eligible. Applicants may only use one attempt for the admissions requirement – do not mix and match your best scores from multiple attempts at the exam.

Date of Exam: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus:  Gloucester  Cumberland

Academic Section	Applicant Score	Minimum Requirement
Anatomy & Physiology		70.00%
Vocabulary & General Knowledge		80.00%
Grammar		80.00%
Math		80.00%
Reading Comprehension		80.00%

## 10% – HESI a2 Exam – Critical Thinking Section

Section	Applicant Score	Minimum Requirement
Critical Thinking		700 Overall

## 50% – Lab Science Requirement

Choose **one** science option below to use for admission ranking. Must be taken from 2020-present, with a final letter grade of a “C+” or higher. All letter grades will be verified on the official transcripts included in the portfolio.

**Option I: Anatomy & Physiology I**

*College level only, equivalent to BIO 105 (Gloucester).*

*A&P courses taken at another college require Verification of Instruction Method form in the portfolio.*

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year Taken (ex: Fall 2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Final Letter Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Option II: Anatomy & Physiology II**

*College level only, equivalent to BIO 106 (Gloucester).*

*A&P courses taken at another college require Verification of Instruction Method form in the portfolio..*

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year Taken (ex: Fall 2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Final Letter Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10% – College Geometry Requirement

Must be equivalent to MAT 115, with a final letter grade of a “C+” or higher. All letter grades will be verified on the official transcripts included in the portfolio.

**Option I: College Geometry**

*College level only, equivalent to MAT 115 (Gloucester). No mid-term grades accepted*

Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester/Year Taken (ex: Fall 2023): \_\_\_\_\_ Final Letter Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## Non-Ranking Academic Requirements

**These requirements do not contribute to overall admissions ranking for the PTA program but are required to make a complete portfolio.**

### Required Pre-Requisite Courses

Please complete the following form below to indicate completion of required prerequisite courses for the PTA Program. Final grades will be verified through inclusion of transcripts in the portfolio.

Required Prerequisite Course	Course Code (ex. ENG 101)	Course Name (ex. English Composition I)	College Name (where you completed the course)	Semester and Year Taken (ex. Spring 2024)	Final Letter Grade
English Composition I (“C” or better)					
Anatomy & Physiology I (“C+” or better)					
College Geometry (“C+” or better)					

### Other Required General Education Courses

These courses can be in-progress at time of portfolio submission but **MUST** be complete with a final grade by the end of the Fall 2024 semester.

Required Course	Course Code (ex. ENG 101)	Course Name (ex. English Composition I)	College Name (where you completed the course)	Semester and Year Taken (ex. Spring 2023)	In Progress? (Yes or No)	Final Letter Grade (If in -progress, write “IP”)
English Composition II						
Anatomy & Physiology II						
General Psychology						

### Cumulative GPA Verification

Must be a 2.30 or higher from school of current/most recent attendance. **NO ROUNDING** accepted. GPA is calculated to the hundredth digit.

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College of current or most recent attendance: \_\_\_\_\_



## RCSJ PTA Observation Documentation

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Rowan College of South Jersey requires that applicants complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of observation in at least two different settings which provide Physical Therapy services. These hours do not contribute to an applicant's overall admissions ranking, but are required for application to the program.

Applicants must visit a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of three (3) different sites to complete their observation hours. Applicants may complete their observation hours in an inpatient setting, outpatient setting, or a combination of the two.

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**Observation hours must be within the past eighteen (18 months) to be considered for the 2025 PTA program.**

**Observation hours completed prior to April 1, 2023 will not be honored.**

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Observation may be completed with a licensed Physical Therapist or licensed/certified Physical Therapist Assistant, and hours will be accepted only if signed by the supervising PTA or PT. These signatures must be legible. **Applicants must include a business card or a note on company letterhead for each supervising PT/PTA they observe as part of their documentation form.**

Rowan College South Jersey does not provide potential sites for students to complete their observation hours requirement. Students are encouraged to reach out to a PT/PTA they are interested in shadowing directly to establish observation hours. Students can also use the APTA.org "Find a PT" database for available, local PTs near their location.

**Observation credit should be given only for actual time spent observing patient care by a supervising clinician.** Individuals working as paid employees in a physical therapy department may not use their regular working hours to complete applicable portions of this requirement.

Observation hours completed for a previous educational program of study will not be accepted toward fulfillment of the PTA program portfolio requirement.

All sections of the **PTA Observation Documentation Form** must be filled out completely and legibly. PTA faculty and administration will verify the hours on the documentation form for accuracy and legitimacy. An example of how to complete an entry is provided on the first line for you. Additional copies of the form are acceptable, if needed. Improperly documented observation hours may result in an incomplete portfolio and not considered for acceptance.

Properly documented observation hours will be accepted on forms from other educational institutions as long as there has been pre-approval by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director prior to submission of the applicant's portfolio.

*The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Rowan College of South Jersey is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [capteonline.org](http://capteonline.org). If needing to contact the program directly, please call 856-415-2188 or email [edoyle@rcsj.edu](mailto:edoyle@rcsj.edu)*

## 2025 RCSJ PTA Observation Documentation

### 2025 PTA Observation Documentation Form

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Start Time	End Time	# of Hours	Name of the Facility	Location (City, State)	Telephone Number	Inpatient or Outpatient?	Signature of Supervising PT or PTA and license #
Example 04/01/23	8:00 a.m.	12:00 a.m.	4	Physical Therapy, INC.	Anytown, NJ	(123) 456-7890	Outpatient	Signature: _____ License: 1234567890
								Signature: _____ License #: _____
								Signature: _____ License #: _____
								Signature: _____ License #: _____
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								Signature: _____ License #: _____

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours Completed      \_\_\_\_\_ Total Sites Visited

I certify that the hours listed above were fulfilled by me. I understand that the PTA Admission Committee may verify this document for authenticity and I realize that falsification of information will result in my application to the PTA Program being withdrawn for consideration.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**REMINDER:** Attach a business card or note on company letterhead for each PT/PTA you observed. Failure to attach a business card may result in unverifiable observation hours and an incomplete portfolio.

## Verification of Instruction Method Form

### **RCSJ or High School Science Courses – Do Not Include in Portfolio**

Nursing and Health Professions programs will only accept, in transfer, Anatomy and Physiology I and II courses that have been completed successfully from a regionally accredited institution. **Acceptable coursework not taken at RCSJ must have equivalent content, lecture, credit hours, face-to-face lab hours** and provide a letter grade.

Applicants taking Anatomy & Physiology I and/or Anatomy & Physiology II at another college must provide documents for Verification of Instruction Method in their portfolio for applicable courses at time of portfolio submission.

For each DMS science course (Anatomy & Physiology I and/or Anatomy & Physiology II) taken **at another college** please have this form completed by the instructor of the course or college registrar. Signed statements must be included in the portfolio, **even if the course is currently in-progress at time of portfolio submission.**

#### **Student Section:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RCSJ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Code and Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Example: BIO 105, Anatomy & Physiology I)  Syllabus Included (if taken at an out-of-state college)

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **Instructor/Registrar Section – to be completed by course instructor, department representative, or college registrar ONLY:**

**Class Format:**  Online  Hybrid  Standard Lecture/Lab Format

*If hybrid or standard lecture/lab format, please note class meeting times:*

Lecture Days:  M  T  W  R  F  Remote Lecture

Lab Days:  M  T  W  R  F  Remote Lab

#### **If course was online or hybrid, please complete the statement below:**

*I verify it was the above-named applicant who completed their course assignments using one or more of the following methods (check all that apply)*

- All course communication took place through the institution's learning management system (Blackboard, Canvas, Sakai, etc.) or through college provided email address.
- Applicant submitted photos of lab assignments done at home
- Exams were monitored using proctored browser (ProctorU, Respondus, etc.)
- Cameras were required to be on during virtual class time
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Instructor or Registrar Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_