

## Information About the Program

### Ability to Work During the Program:

Experience shows that it is very difficult for students to maintain good academic standing while working and attending school. It is strongly recommended that you do not work while in the PTA program, especially during the first year. Some students are able to keep part-time employment, but students working more than 10 hours a week are at high risk of academic failure. When clinic rotations start it is more difficult to work. Students spend 40 hours a week in each clinic rotation.

### Performance of Program Graduates

Graduates of the PTA Program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination for Physical Therapist Assistants. As program development proceeds and graduates take the exam, pass rates for program graduates will be made available on the program web page. Graduation rates and employment rates will also be available.

### Education Options:

This two-year PTA associate degree does not fulfill the first two-year requirements of a degree for students wanting to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy degree. It does not necessarily give an applicant preference for acceptance into a physical therapy program. Applicants interested in becoming licensed physical therapists are encouraged to investigate admission requirements for the individual physical therapy programs they are considering.

### Accreditation Status

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Weatherford College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org> The most recent accreditation decision was made April 27, 2020, and is valid through June 30, 2030.