

COVID Information and Release

Students agree to participate in lab, clinical practicum rotations, and other assigned activities accepting the infection control obligations and the associated risks inherent in attending such activities at any time. I agree to release and hold harmless Weatherford College and its employees, the Weatherford College Clinical Affiliates and its employees, and any individuals involved in my training from any damages; either actual or consequential, that may arise during my participation in these activities.

An Executive Order was issued in April 2021 by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, stating community colleges cannot require students to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, nor can we ask for documentation of immunization. However, many Weatherford College Physical Therapist Assistant Program clinic sites require COVID-19 vaccination for any student participating in a clinical rotation. PTA students are placed in 3 different settings to ensure all clinic competencies are met. The PTA program does not use vaccination status as a criterion for clinic placements. If documentation of COVID-19 immunization is required at the clinic site, the student may not be notified until the clinic requires attestation. This may be 30 days before the clinic rotation starts.

While COVID-19 vaccination is not required to enter the PTA Program, not receiving a vaccination may place the student in jeopardy of having a clinical rotation available to them. This could delay the student from graduating on time or prevent them from continuing in the program and graduating entirely.

By signing the Information and Disclosures form, you understand that exceptions to this policy are granted through extenuating circumstances only through the Office of Accommodations and Disabilities.