

PTA STUDENT INFORMED CONSENT

During the education process for the student in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, the student will be required to practice physical therapy techniques on classmates or faculty members. It is the nature of the profession that skills be acquired by practicing on healthy individuals before an attempt is made to become skilled with patient populations. Therefore, the following must occur:

1. Each student must wear lab clothing that allows practice on and observation of parts of the body on which techniques will be applied,
2. Each student must play the role of the patient so that a lab partner may gain skills in the application of physical therapy techniques,
3. Each student must touch, observe, and interact with classmates while playing the role of the physical therapist assistant and practicing physical therapy techniques,
4. Each student must conduct himself/herself in a respectful and considerate manner while touching, observing, and interacting with classmates or faculty members,
5. Each student must abide by all safety guidelines outlined in the PTA Program Handbook.

By signing the Information and Disclosures Form, you acknowledge that you understand that you will be asked to participate in laboratory, classroom, and clinic activities as described above and understand that participation is required for student learning. Therefore, you willingly agree to participate fully. In addition, you hereby assume all risks in connection with and fully release Weatherford College, its agencies, and employees from any injury, damage, embarrassment, or emotional discomfort that may result from participating in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.