

Additional Requirements, if Accepted:

You must adhere to all Weatherford College and Physical Therapist Assistant Program policies. Program policies are delineated in the Student Handbook. The handbook is located in Policies and Procedures on the PTA program webpage.

Additional Costs required before the start of the program include costs for:

Urine drug screen – estimated \$40.00

Criminal background checks \$55.00

Immunizations and medical testing costs vary from student to student

Required Health Insurance - varies

Information and specifics on completing the requirements will be available to the student upon acceptance into the program. A detailed breakdown of estimated costs can be found on the PTA Program website under Program Costs <https://www.wc.edu/programs/all-programs/physical-therapist-assistant-program/fees-costs.php>.

Admission is conditional based on you providing the following:

Immunization records and/or titer levels showing protection

TB screen test

Medical clearance

Urine drug screen*

Criminal background check*

Major medical health insurance

American Heart Association Health Care Provider CPR certification (to be maintained throughout the program)

** These are required for students to go to the various hospitals and agencies for clinical education. Additional background checks or urine drug screens may be required by individual facilities. A positive urine drug screen or a background check positive for certain offenses may prohibit students from participating in clinical experiences. These circumstances would require dismissal of the student from the program due to inability to meet clinical objectives.*

A complete list of the immunizations required is on the next page:

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND HEALTH SCREENINGS

According to the Texas Administrative Code and the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Foundation, students enrolled in health-related courses that involve direct patient contact in medical care facilities, regardless of the number of courses taken, the number of hours taken, or the classification of the student must provide, prior to patient contact, acceptable evidence of immunity or immunizations listed below.

- A. Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (TDaP) – All students must have received one dose of TDaP within the past ten years.
- B. Rubeola (Measles) – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. two doses of vaccine given at least 28 days apart, or
 - 2. serologic confirmation of immunity on a screening titer.
- C. Rubella (German measles) – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. one dose of vaccine, or
 - 2. serologic confirmation of immunity on a screening titer.
- D. Mumps – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. two doses of vaccine given at least 28 days apart, or
 - 2. serologic confirmation of immunity on a screening titer.
- E. Varicella (Chickenpox) – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. two doses of vaccine given at least 28 days apart, or
 - 2. serologic confirmation of immunity on a screening titer.
- F. Hepatitis B – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. a complete series of hepatitis B vaccine (sequencing requirement – 1 dose; 2nd dose 1 month later; 3rd dose no less than 4 months from 1st), Completed a 2 dose series (HEPLISAV-B), or
 - 2. serologic confirmation of immunity on a screening titer.
- G. Influenza – Required annually during flu season; all students must show proof of one dose of vaccine, if applicable. Need to take between Sept 1 – October 15th
- H. Meningitis – All **entering students 22 years of age or younger** must show proof of an initial meningococcal vaccination or a booster dose during the 5-year period before enrolling; the vaccine must be received at least 10 days before the semester begins. This is a Weatherford College requirement. For more information, please go to <https://live-weatherford-handbook.pantheonsite.io/immunizations>
- I. TB Skin Test – All students must show proof of either:
 - 1. a current negative TB skin test (some clinics may require a two-step test), or, documentation of no TB
 - 2. in the case of a previous positive skin test, a negative chest x-ray report or completed treatment.