

PTA Program Readmission Policy

If a student is no longer able to continue in the program due to voluntary withdrawal or dismissal from the program, the student may re-apply to the Technical Phase of the program only once. To re-apply, the student must notify the program director, in writing, of his/her intent to re-apply by August 31 of the academic year and attend the mandatory orientation meeting held during the first week of classes. At that point, the student will be granted Pre-Technical status and shall follow the process outlined for Technical phase admission found on the PTA website. The student will be considered along with the entire qualified applicant pool for that year. The only exception to this policy is that if a student is dismissed from the program due to a professionalism issue, the student may not re-apply to the program. Re-admitted students must also follow these additional criteria if matriculating to the Technical Phase:

1. The student must meet with both the Director of Clinical Education and the Program Director to determine the necessary steps to determine competence and preparedness to return to the clinical setting.
2. The student must demonstrate competence in clinical skills through completion of laboratory check-offs that had been completed prior to the departure from the PTA program. For example, if a student repeats PTA 2100 Interventions in Neurological Impairments, he or she must also perform and demonstrate competence on previously completed technical phase laboratory check-offs from PTA 2300 (Lifespan), PTA 2900 (Modalities), PTA 2250 (Orthopedics) and PTA 2050 (Cardiopulmonary). This is to assure that the student maintains competency in these areas in preparation for clinical internships. Laboratory check-offs may be arranged with the course instructor and/or the lab supervisor. Completed check-offs (with faculty signature) must be provided to the program director at the completion of the semester. If the student does not successfully perform or pass the check-offs, the student will not receive a passing score for the course being repeated.
3. The student must demonstrate competence in clinical skills through the successful completion of one or more practical exams that encompass the curriculum that had been completed prior to the departure from the PTA program and consistent with what is required of all students to enter the next scheduled clinical education course. The practical exam(s) will be associated with one course that the student is currently taking (the course being repeated or another laboratory based course). The practical exam(s) will be supervised and graded by at minimum of two PTA faculty and follow the policies outlined previously regarding practical examinations. If a student does not successfully pass the practical exam(s), the student will not receive a passing score for the course.