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**Idaho Consortium for
Physical Therapist Assistant Education**

College of Southern Idaho – College of Western Idaho
Lewis-Clark State College – North Idaho College

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

APPLICATION PACKET FOR PROGRAM ENTRY

FALL SEMESTER 2026

The application period is March 23, 2026– May 21, 2026.

All materials must be received **no later than Thursday, May 21, 2026 by 5:00 pm.**

Welcome to the Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education admissions process. Please read these documents thoroughly as they will help you understand the requirements for admission and guide you through the admissions process. Do not hesitate to contact the program director, your health programs advisor, or other physical therapist assistant (ICPTAE) program faculty with concerns or questions during the process. Contact information is below.

Space in the program is limited; therefore, admission will be competitive, based on an objective point procedure that has been strategically set up to predict student success.

The program will admit students as follows in Fall 2026:
16 students at the College of Western Idaho (CWI) in Nampa,
6 students at the Lewis-Clark State College (LC State) in Lewiston, and
10 students at North Idaho College (NIC) in Coeur d'Alene.

Students are accepted into a "cohort," a group of students who start the program at the same time, enroll, and complete the same program courses, perform clinical education, and graduate together as a group. The program may not be taken part-time – it is a full-time commitment.

Prior to making application to the program, individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program and the pressures involved in undertaking the responsibilities of being a full-time PTA student.

It is highly recommended that you meet with an advisor early in the application process. Direct questions and prerequisite course verification to:

Jon Gardunia (NIC)	ICPTAE Program Director	jrgardunia@nic.edu	(208) 665-5051
Amy Howland (NIC)	Health Professions Advisor	ashowland@nic.edu	(208) 769-3339
Mitch Birnel (CWI)	Student Advising & Success	mitchbirnel@cw.edu	(208) 562-2414
Jacob Hornby (LC State)	Pre-Health Professions Advisor	jmhornby@lcsc.edu	(208) 792-2441
Saige Johnson (CSI)	Health Science Advisor	SJohnson5@csi.edu	(208) 732-6262

Accreditation Status

The Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education at North Idaho College, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, and Lewis Clark State College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone 703-706-3245; Email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. The program's current status is probationary accreditation; for more information see <http://www.capteonline.org/about-capte/recent-actions-and-updates/recent-actions>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (208) 665-5051 or email jrgardunia@nic.edu.

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Application Checklist

All materials must be received no later than Thursday, May 21, 2026 by 5:00 pm.

Admission Application to your College

Complete Incomplete

- Not necessary if you are a current student, but you will need to apply to each college you are applying for on each respective college website.

Application to the ICPTAE Program

Complete Incomplete

- This program application must be complete. For CWI, CSI, and LC State, applicants are required to complete this application document and submit it along with all other required items as noted. For NIC, applicants are required to submit an electronic application by accessing <https://www.nic.edu/start/> online and clicking on the 'Get Started' and 'Apply Now' links to complete a degree-seeking application for the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program. Additionally, NIC applicants must submit all other required items as noted. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** The PTA Program has prerequisites required for entry. Information about the program and all required prerequisite courses can be found on the <https://www.nic.edu/pta/> program website. Prerequisite courses are also listed on page 16 of this application packet.

Physical Therapist Assistant Reference Form

Complete Incomplete

- Submit 2 completed reference forms (**See page 5-7 & 8-10**). The applicant must complete the first page and then provide all three pages to the person completing the reference form. The applicant should also provide an addressed, stamped envelope to the person so the completed reference form pages (all three pages) can be easily mailed/sent to the selected college prior to the application deadline. The address used should be the consortium school which is your first-choice (see page 13). Letters of reference only need to be sent to the first-choice school. Copies will be forwarded to other campuses as needed.
- NIC applicants: References will be collected on the Online Portal. Each reference will receive an emailed directly from the college. You do not need to use the form attached to this document.

College Transcripts

Complete Incomplete

- NOTE: ***The following applies only to students who are transferring credits in from another college. If you have taken courses only at the campus to which you are applying, IGNORE THIS STEP.***

CSI: Official high school, college, and military transcripts must be on file with the Office of the Registrar *prior* to submitting your ICPTAE application. It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes *prior* to submitting your application. Check MyCSI to verify receipt of previous transcripts and HSHS department to verify receipt of application materials prior to the deadline. (**See page 2 for cohort offering information**).

CWI: Official college and military transcripts must be received by the One-Stop Office *prior* to submitting your ICPTAE application. It is your responsibility to confirm that your official

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transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes *prior to* submitting your application. **If you hold an advanced degree, you must complete a Bachelor Equivalency Form and submit to One-Stop Office.**

LC State: Official college, and military transcripts must be on file with the Registrar and Records Office *prior to* submitting your ICPTAE application. It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes *prior to* submitting your application. Check your college application portal to verify receipt of previous transcripts. Confirm receipt of your ICPTAE application materials with Thea Skalicky (daskalicky@lcsc.edu) prior to the deadline. All required application items must be received by the application deadline. If a required item is listed as missing at the application deadline, your application may not be considered for review.

NIC: Official college and military transcripts are to be submitted after you apply to the program **but no later than the application deadline**. It is your responsibility to confirm that your official transcripts are complete, up-to-date, and available for evaluation purposes immediately after submitting your ICPTAE application. **Courses completed at North Idaho College do not require transcript submission.** Please be aware that transfer institution transcripts are not retained for a long period of time and you may need to reorder official transcripts. Only courses that appear on an originating educational institution's official transcript will be used to determine points for admission. Applicants using ACT or SAT scores to meet the English course requirement must submit a paper copy of the scores if the course credit does not appear on the transcript. Test scores are valid for four years from the test date. International college/university transcripts must be professionally evaluated by [WES](#) or a similar [NACES-member organization](#). It is recommended an applicant choose course-by-course evaluation and pay to have records retained with these organizations for potential future use.

Official Transcripts should be sent electronically from previous institution(s) to rad@nic.edu or mailed to:
North Idaho College
Cardinal Central
1000 W Garden Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814.

Physical Therapy Clinical Observation/Work

Complete Incomplete

- Documentation showing that you have completed a minimum of 16 hours of observation in a physical therapy clinical setting. All hours must be under supervision of a physical therapist and/or PTA. You must include proof of hours from each clinical site if observation occurred at more than one setting. Documentation should be as follows:
- on the **facility's formal letterhead or email from the clinical site**
 - must have the number of hours recorded, and
 - must be signed/dated by the supervising physical therapist or PTA.

Individuals who currently work or previously worked in a physical therapy setting may submit a letter with the same criteria.

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Reference Form for Fall 2026

The ICPTAE Program Application requires two references. This Reference Form can be completed by any of the following persons: PT, PTA, Healthcare Provider, Professor, Instructor, Advisor or Employer. There may NOT be any familial relation between the student and person providing the reference.

Student/Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I, _____ (print student full name), understand that by signing below I agree to waive my right to access and examine this form, now or at any time in the future.

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Instructions: Provide the person filling out this form with an addressed, stamped envelope. Address used should be the consortium school which is your first choice (see page 13). Copies will be forwarded to other campuses as needed.

Reference Instructions: The information provided on this form is completely confidential. At no time will the contents of this form be shared with the applicant. Please answer the questions to the best of your ability and return in the envelope provided. Be aware that you may be contacted if further information is needed.

Student Name: _____

Please indicate your level of knowledge of the applicant:

	Thorough Knowledge	General Knowledge	Minimal Knowledge
Training	_____	_____	_____
Work Experience	_____	_____	_____
Abilities	_____	_____	_____

Please elaborate on above checked box(es):

How long have you known the applicant? _____

Do you believe, on the basis of ethical conduct, personal character, emotional maturity, and judgment, the applicant will be a credit to the profession of Physical Therapy?

Yes No

Please explain _____

Do you have any reservations about fully recommending this applicant for the ICPTAE Program?

Yes No

Please explain _____

Student Name: _____

Please rate the applicant's traits based on your level of knowledge:

CHARACTERISTIC	SUPERIOR	ABOVE AVERAGE	NEUTRAL	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE
Attention to Detail					
Attitude					
Relationships with others/peers/subordinates					
Team-work					
Personal integrity and honesty					
Reliability					
Overall performance in past role(s) with your					
Calmness under pressure					
Competence					
Ambition					

Additional Comments _____

Please feel free to attach a written letter of recommendation to this document.

Signature of person completing reference form

Printed Name & Professional Credentials

Date

***-Have your reference submit this 3-page completed form directly to college before the application deadline-
Complete the first page of the form before providing all 3 pages w/stamped, addressed envelope to the reference.
NIC only- References will be sent an email reference request through the portal. Do not submit this form.***

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Transcripts

Transcripts are required only if you have taken courses and are transferring credits from a college OTHER than the one to which you are applying.

Arrange for your **official** transcripts to be sent to your applicable college in order to be evaluated and reflected in your records. *It is not necessary to enclose a copy of transcripts with your ICPTAE application.*

Example If you have taken all your required general education/prerequisite courses at NIC *and* you are applying to attend the program at NIC, no transcripts are necessary. If you took all but two of your general education/prerequisite courses at NIC, took one required course at CSI and one required course at CWI, you must have your CSI and CWI official transcripts sent to NIC for evaluation.

Please Note

It is highly recommended that students with transfer credits view their transcript evaluations before the application deadline to assure that they have courses that meet the prerequisite admission requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree, Physical Therapist Assistant.

*It is possible that transcripts received during the application period may not be evaluated until after the application deadline, therefore, **it is essential that you follow the college's requirements for evaluation of transcripts and do so in a timely manner.** To verify receipt of application materials, check with OneStop at CWI, your Element Application Dashboard Checklist) at NIC, Thea Skalicky (daskalicky@lcsc.edu) for LC State, and with the Office of the Registrar or HSHS advisor Saige Johnson SJohnson5@csi.edu at CSI.*

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all required information is submitted and that documentation of all requirements is included in the application.

- Repeated courses: courses may be repeated *once* to improve a grade, no matter when the course was first taken. The *latest, most recent* grade will be used in the program admissions scoring process. If a course has been taken more than two times, no application points will be awarded for that course.
- Application points will only be given for courses that have been completed prior to the application period, have a grade of C/2.0 or higher, and are included on official transcripts. In-progress coursework will not be awarded points toward program admission.
- If you are accepted, please be aware that the program is intense and will require the majority of your time and efforts. *Attendance* and *Participation* at each scheduled lecture and lab is mandatory. From the start of the program, you will be expected to conduct yourself in a manner that is required for all health care providers. Merely showing up will not suffice – you must be invested in the program and in your studies. Please do not apply if you know that you do not have the enthusiasm, drive, and desire to immerse yourself in the program and in the profession. If you have questions in this regard, please speak with the program director or your advisor.

**All application materials must be received by Thursday, May 21, 2026.
Any materials received after the deadline will not be considered.**

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Application for Admission Fall 2026

- Place a check on the line of the consortium-member college to which you are applying *and* submit materials to the address listed below. The application period is *March 23, 2026 – May 21, 2026*. All application materials must be received by **May 21, 2026 by 5:00 pm**.
- *Remember, if you have not applied to the college itself, you must apply to the college as well as the ICPTAE Program. NIC applicants complete this step through the online program application process.*
- If you are applying to multiple locations, you must submit application materials to each location *and rate which college is your first choice, second choice, and so on. Except for letters of reference which only need to be sent to the first choice school. They will be forwarded to the other campuses as needed.*
- If it isn't already a requirement of your college, we recommend submitting all your ICPTAE application documentation together in one envelope clearly marked, "ICPTAE Application." Please do not use staples.
- No additional materials will be accepted toward your application after the due date.
- Make and keep a copy of all application materials that you turn in.

If you are applying to multiple colleges: place a 1 for first choice, a 2 for second choice, etc., on the line next to the college name below. If more than one college is selected, an admissions application to each college must be submitted to that institution. **Note:** If you apply to more than one college and you are selected to attend one of the colleges you've indicated, **you cannot change to another college campus once you've agreed to attend the campus of your acceptance.** If you are applying to one college only, place a ✓ on the line for that college.

_____ **College of Western Idaho (Canyon County Campus - Nampa, ID)**
Attention: One Stop
PO Box 3010, MS 3000
Nampa, ID 83653

_____ **North Idaho College (Coeur d'Alene, ID Campus)**
Apply online and upload supplemental documents within the Element Application Dashboard

_____ **Lewis-Clark State College (Lewiston, ID Campus)**
Email all program application materials to: Healthcare Education Center
Application Specialist, Thea Skalicky (daskalicky@lcsc.edu)
Application materials can also be mailed or delivered to:
LC State, Sam Glenn Complex 200
Attn: Thea Skalicky
500 8th Ave
Lewiston, ID 83501

Applicants must submit this page to indicate program location selection(s). Keep a copy for your records. NIC applicants will provide school ranking selection within the online application.

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**Application for Program Admission
Fall 2026**

Student Identification Number _____

Name _____
Last First Middle Preferred Name

Other Names Appearing on Records _____

Current Mailing Address _____
Street Address City County State Zip

Home Phone _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Preferred E-Mail _____

Please list **all** colleges attended:

Name of College, Trade School, etc.	City & State	Dates Attended	Grad. Date	Degree Earned

***CWI, CSI, and LC State applicants must also submit pages 14-15.
NIC applicants complete this information as part of the online application process.***

Please read and sign:

- I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that any misrepresentation or falsification of information is cause for denial of admission or expulsion from college.
- I understand that if I am accepted into the ICPTAE Program, my admission will be *conditional*, dependent upon successful completion of a background check. I also understand that the results of this background check may prevent me from admission to the program.
- I understand that I will also have requirements to meet prior to participating in the program's clinical education components. These include, but are not limited to: CPR certification, TB testing, vaccination documentation, and other blood tests.
- I understand that if accepted at a consortium college campus, I must attend all courses and labs at that campus – no change of location will be permitted.

Applicant's Signature

Date

The Idaho Consortium for Physical Therapist Assistant Education abides by each member college's practice of non-discrimination and therefore will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, pregnancy, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran.

**CWI/CSI applicants must also submit pages 14-15.
NIC/LC STATE applicants complete this information as part of the online application process.**

Application Score Sheet

Grades earned in courses appearing on the official transcript at the application deadline and that meet the requirements for the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant will be evaluated for points according to the point scale listed below.

- **Prerequisite Courses** must be completed and recorded prior to the application deadline.
- Other completed **General Education** courses are listed below and awarded points based on recorded, official grades. These are not required for *admission* but will increase the overall application score but are required for graduation from the program.
- Courses that are not completed and therefore not recorded on transcripts receive no points.

Total Possible Points: 46

Prerequisite Courses	Grade	Point Scale	Points Earned
Anatomy & Physiology 1 (BIOL 227) *		A = 8 B = 6 C = 4	
Medical Terminology (CAOT 179 @ NIC, ALLH 101 @ CSI, HLTH 101 @ CWI, MEDPT 173 @ LC STATE)		A = 5 B = 4 C = 3	
English Composition (ENGL 101 @ All Schools) **		A = 4 B = 3 C = 2	
Required General Education Math (MATH 123, 130, 143, 147, 160, 170, 253; or MATH 153 - Statistics @ CSI, CWI, and LC State)		A = 4 B = 3 C = 2	
General Education Courses			
Anatomy & Physiology 2 (BIOL 228) *		A = 8 B = 6 C = 4	
Communication (COMM 101 @ All Schools)		A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	
Intro to Psychology (PSYC 101 @ All Schools)		A = 3 B = 2 C = 1	

****Must have been completed within 7 years of the program start date unless the student can demonstrate recent relevant course work or work experience by submitting the Request for Waiver form and relevant documentation. No points will be awarded for courses taken more than two times, no matter when the course was first taken.***

*****ENGL 102 may be substituted if completed with higher grade than ENGL 101.***

In-State Idaho Residency		1	
Reference Forms (possible 10 points)		10	

In the event there are applicants that are tied with an equal number of points, and the number of applicants outnumber the remaining open positions in the program, the following system will be used to determine who is selected:

Please place check mark for applicable military service. Tied applicants who have provided official documentation of military service will be placed at the top of their point category. If there continues to be a tie, then GPA on completed requirements will be used to rank the remaining tied applicants. If there still continues to be a tie, then a random drawing of all remaining tied applicants will be held for the final program slot/s.

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Request for Waiver of Seven-year Completion Requirement for Lab Sciences

The Physical Therapist Assistant Consortium program requires that all lab sciences are completed within seven years of the application deadline. In order to waive the seven-year requirement for lab sciences, a student must demonstrate that other relevant course work or work experience was completed within the past seven years. Students are required to provide official transcripts of relevant course work, or documentation of proof of employment in a related field as work experience. Documentation of work experience may include a letter from a supervisor, or professional licensure (e.g. Massage Therapy License), or certification (e.g. ACSM Personal Trainer Certification), along with evidence of work hours.

The Program Director and Director of Clinical Education will review and verify all documentation. The decision on whether course work or work experience is relevant is at the discretion of the Program Director and Director of Clinical Education.

Please direct any questions to the Program Director.

- I have relevant course work. (Will need to be verified with Official Transcripts)

Course Name and Number	Date Completed
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Course Name and Number	Date Completed
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- I have relevant work experience. This could include employment in either a health or fitness related field. (Submit appropriate documentation).

Any questions should be directed to Jon Gardunia, the Program Director.

Student Printed name	Signature	Date
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Official Use Only

- Supporting documents are included in application materials
- 7-year waiver approved 7-year waiver denied

Comments _____

Signature by PD or DCE

Date

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NIC applicants will submit this page within the Element Dashboard