ADMISSION PROCESS

The PTA program follows the institution's non-discrimination policy which states: It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and Bishop State Community College, that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any program, activity or employment.

The program utilizes a 1 + 1 format which requires that ALL of the pre-requisite general education courses, volunteer hours and evaluations and TEAS V for allied health be completed prior to submitting an application to the program. The program admits one class per year, the deadline for application is June 1. (The program will accept an application that has been submitted through the USPS, post-marked no later than May 31 of each year.) For those students not completing the pre-requisite courses at Bishop State, a college application and official transcripts from the high school from which you graduated and official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended must be on the Central Campus by the application deadline.

The PTA program application as well as the volunteer hours forms are located on-line. Please make sure all forms are completed in their entirety and that email addresses/contact numbers are correct and complete. The program will solicit feedback from the PT/PTA that verifies the volunteer hours. This is completed by email, it is the student's responsibility to make sure the email address in correct and that the clinician is aware that the program will be emailing them the evaluation form. (This could be delivered to their spam box). The program is not responsible for non-deliverable mail or forms that are not completed by the deadline by the clinician.

Program applications are accepted from March 15 through May 31 of each year.

The program seeks to have approximately 30 qualified candidates in the class each year. After the June 1 deadline, a selection committee will review the applicant pool and determine the minimum GPA's for admission (overall & Mth/Sc) and number of points for admission. Please refer the point system for more information. Letters notifying the applicant of his/her program status are sent no sooner than the first full week of July.

Additional program information including additional cost associated with the program is located in the college catalog pages 114-116

Curriculum:

All of the courses listed below must be completed by the application deadline. The following courses and numbers are for the Alabama Community College System. If course is not completed in the Alabama Community College system then it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the correct courses are taken. Courses must be offered by the department/division that is indicated by the Community College courses. (IE Human Anatomy and Physiology = Biology, Human Growth and Development Psychology= psychology department). If, at a previous institution, a course was not taken due to credit given by the institution (test scores/waived), the student must still complete the requirement for program admission (IE English 101 is required for graduation from Bishop State).
English Composition 1 (ENG 101)
Intermediate College Algebra (MTH 100) or Pre-calculus Algebra (MTH 112)
Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SPH 106)
Art Appreciation (ART 100) or Music Appreciation (MUS 101)
General Psychology (PSY 200)
Human Growth and Development Psychology (PSY 210)
Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO 201)
Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO 202)
Physical Science II (PHS 112) (Hybrid chemistry and physics class)

Course descriptions are located in the college catalog and may be accessed by
http://www.bishop.edu/admissions/catalog.html

For those students who are ready to begin college level courses at Bishop State, determined
either by COMPASS score or ACT/SAT scores, a PTA Learning Community is offered. The
Community was developed to ensure that students, who are ready for college level courses
can complete the curriculum in five semesters. The courses for admission are offered in the
following sequence:

Fall semester: (1st)
M, W, F (am) ENG 101, SPH 106, PSY 200
Tues/Thurs afternoon BIO 103 (1/2 semester), PHS 112 (1/2 semester)

Spring semester: (2nd)
M, W, F (am) PSY 210, MTH 100 or 112, Art or Music Appreciation
Tues/Thus afternoon BIO 201 (1/2 semester), BIO 202 (1/2 Semester)
The student is enrolled in 17 credit hours each semester.

Please come to the Central Campus room 123 to register for the PTA learning community.

Only those students admitted to the PTA program will be able to register and take the
courses/sequenced below:

Fall semester: (3rd)
PTA 180 Medical Terminology
PTA 200 Physical Therapy Issues and Trends
PTA 202 PTA Communication Skills
PTA 220 Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology
PTA 222 Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology Lab
PTA 240 Physical Disabilities I
PTA 250 Therapeutic Procedures I
PTA 260 Clinical Education I**
17 credit hours

Spring semester: (4th)
PTA 230 Neuroscience
PTA 231 Rehabilitation Techniques
PTA 232 Orthopedics for the PTA
PTA 241 Physical Disabilities II
PTA 251 Therapeutic Procedures II
PTA 293 Directed Studies for PTA
PTA 266 Clinical Fieldwork I **
15 Credit hours

Summer semester (5th)
PTA 201 PTA Seminar
PTA 268 Clinical Practicum**
7 credit hours
**The student must have successfully completed (77% or higher) the courses listed in the semester to be able to attend the clinical course offered at the end of the semester.**

Failure in any of the classes in the program prohibits a student from progressing through the program with the cohort with which he/she was admitted. Re-admission policy is located in the PTA student handbook and reviewed during orientation with students who are admitted to the program.

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