

## Overview of Ohio Licensing Process Foreign Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA)

### The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)

PTA is typically a two-year associate degree offered through the community college.

Potential students should:

- Have foreign transcripts evaluated
  - Check with the college admissions office. Demonstration of English proficiency may be required before admission into the academic program.
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- Graduate from an Accredited Physical Therapist Assistant program
    - Program entry requirements will vary between institutions
    - A listing of accredited programs in Ohio can be found at <http://otptat.ohio.gov/PTPrograms.aspx>



### Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers (OTPTAT) Board <http://otptat.ohio.gov>

- OTPTAT Board Exam Application
  - Demonstration of English proficiency
  - Background check completed by Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
  - Certification of Entry Level Education
- Forms are available on the OTPTAT website



### Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) <https://www.fsbpt.org>

- National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)
- Authorization to Test (ATT) Letter
  - Authorized to schedule NPTE upon receipt
  - Contact Prometric to schedule examination <http://www.prometric.com/default.htm>
- Ohio's Jurisprudence Examination
  - Score of 600 or higher