

**ATHENS TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

COMMISSION OF A FELONY MAY PREVENT YOU FROM OBTAINING PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION. Please read the following:

All applicants for licensure as a Physical Therapist Assistant shall consent to a criminal background check. OCGA 43-33-18. The board shall have the authority to refuse to grant, to revoke, or to discipline the license of any licensed physical therapist assistant if such person has any of the following:

- 1) a felony conviction;
- 2) a conviction for any crime involving moral turpitude;
- 3) an arrest, charge, or sentence for any felony or crime involving moral turpitude where:
 - a) a plea of nolo contendere was entered,
 - b) first offender treatment granted, or
 - c) the adjudication was otherwise withheld.

A felony includes any offense which, if committed in the state of Georgia would be deemed a felony. A conviction includes either a verdict of guilty or a plea of guilty. OCGA 43-33-18.

Along with criminal background checks, the state licensing boards and our clinical partners, may require the student to complete drug testing prior to his/her clinical rotation. A failure to provide a clean drug testing sample will prevent the student from attending the clinical rotation, and therefore, graduating from the program.

I have read the above statement and recognize that commission of a felony or any other crime of moral turpitude may prevent me from obtaining a license as a physical therapist assistant upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Signature

Date

Name (please print)