MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Clinical Observation Form

This program requires observation hours to allow each student to be more aware of what the practice of physical therapy entails. Exposure to multiple physical therapy settings is essential to this process.

Contact a minimum of two clinical facilities in your geographical area and arrange for observation in their Physical Therapy department. A **total** of twenty hours (20) of work or volunteer experience is **required** in two (or more) different physical therapy settings. Hours must be completed by August 15.

Helpful hints:

- Choice of clothing should be professional in appearance. Avoid the following: blue jeans, tennis shoes or T-shirts; tight fitting or midriff baring clothing; excessive makeup, perfume/cologne or jewelry.
- Professional behavior is essential. Remember, you are representing yourself as a potential future employee, and you are representing the program.
- Failure to demonstrate professional behaviors and appearance could result in termination of the observation experience.

BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO THE OBSERVATION FACILITY AND RETURN IT, COMPLETED, TO THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM.

Applicant: _____

Name: Last First Middle/Maiden

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Address: Street City State Zip Code

The above named applicant has completed _____ hours at this facility.

The applicant was dressed appropriately _____ yes _____no

The applicant demonstrated an interest in the profession _____ yes _____ no

The applicant demonstrated professional behaviors _____ yes _____ no

Name of Facility _____

Signature_____

Date _____

Return form to: PTA Program, 501 East 38th Street, Erie, PA 16546.