



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

PTA PROGRAM UPDATE

GRATITUDE FOR TWO PTA ALUMNI

We would like to thank two of our alumni for providing clinical education support to our PTA students during the pandemic. They went above and beyond to ensure that we were able to graduate all 17 students in the Class of 2020 without changing the clinical education requirements that each student participate in an inpatient affiliation. **Jon Vioria**, PTA Class of 2008 and **David Miller**, PTA Class of 2017 are both the Site Coordinators of Clinical Education for major hospital systems in NJ. Their unwavering support and flexibility were paramount to the Class of 2020 and we are so grateful to you both!

PTA CLASS OF 2021 UPDATE

The PTA Class of 2021 has been impacted the most by Covid-19. They just completed the spring semester, during which they had labs for four courses. Lectures for those four courses were completed remotely during the fall semester. In a couple of weeks they will take PTA 107 (Therapeutic Measurement) and PTA 201 (Therapeutic Exercise). Those are the two courses that most cohort begin with! They will then begin their clinical affiliations, which will be one after another with a week break in between each. There is a four month scheduled delay in their graduation. They plan to take the NPTE in October and will be graduating in December.

PTA CLASS OF 2022 UPDATE

The PTA Class of 2022 has been accepted. We accepted 24 learners, instead of 28, due to limited clinical education placements, and to ensure that appropriate social distancing can be maintained in the PTA lab. They will follow the pre-Covid curriculum sequence with just a few changes. Their summer courses will occur during the second half of the summer (instead of the first half). During the fall and spring semesters, lectures will occur remotely and labs will be held in person.

Please contact Professor Ned Crane at CraneE@mccc.edu if you are interested in hosting a PTA student!!