

## *A letter from Melanie*

I did it! I passed the licensure exam. I am officially a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant!!

I've always been interested in Physical Therapy but I could never fit the education demands into my life. In 2014, I entered the Physical Therapist Assistant program at Elgin Community College. It has been a 2-year commitment. I graduated from the program on May 21, 2016, took the licensure exam on July 6 and July 13, I became an official Licensed PTA.

I thoroughly enjoy being a massage therapist; how could I not, I have the best clients to work with. I do intend on continuing my massage practice, part-time, as well as working part-time as a physical therapist assistant. The skills and techniques I learn to become a Physical Therapist Assistant will also benefit you, as my massage therapy client!

I am in the process of interviewing for PTA positions. Until I make that decision, I will continue to have daily availability for massage sessions. I will update you when my new part-time schedule takes place.

I thank all of you for being so supportive as I have been and continue on this journey.

