



Physical Therapist Assistant Petition Information Packet A.A.S. Degree

This Information Packet provides the prospective applicant with information about the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program admission process at Montgomery County Community College and includes:

**Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Information
and
Point Score Worksheet
9/12/2023**

Any person is eligible to begin coursework at Montgomery County Community College toward qualifying for admission to the PTA Program and A.A.S. degree; **however, admission requires that the applicant meet Special Admissions Requirements as published and be able to perform the required PTA Essential Functions.**

<https://www.mc3.edu/degrees-and-programs/programs/health/assets/physical-therapist-assistant/docs/physical-therapist-assistant-essential-functions.pdf>



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

- Montgomery County Community College offers an Associate in Applied Science degree with a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) concentration.
- Changes in the curriculum and admission requirements for the PTA Program may occur between the time the applicant applies to the College and the time of acceptance into the PTA Program. Applicants must meet the requirements in place for the PTA Program at the time that acceptance into the Program is offered.

Accreditation Status

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Montgomery County Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 215-619-7361 or email iporter@mc3.edu.

Admission

- The PTA Program offers acceptance up to 20 applicants and selects four (4) alternates each spring semester.
- To be considered for acceptance, all PTA Program applicants must meet the Program's Special Admission Guidelines. In addition, the applicant must be able to perform the required PTA Essential Functions. <https://www.mc3.edu/degrees-and- programs/ programs/health/assets/physical-therapist-assistant/docs/physical- therapist- assistant- essential-functions.pdf>
- Acceptance to the PTA Program is highly competitive. Admission decisions are made based on a point system and ranking procedure. Points are awarded based on the required pre- technical phase courses completed, course grades, year of application to the Program, and an autobiographical essay. In addition, the following will be considered but not required: documented therapy aide employment within 5 years of petition; highest college degree earned; and selected current, valid professional licensure / certification held in the year of petition. The total point score for each applicant is ordered from highest to lowest with seats offered to those with the 20 highest total point scores. In the event that there are applicants with the same total point score, and one is a veteran, the veteran will receive priority in compliance with PA DOE Act 46 – Higher Education Course Scheduling Preference for Veterans Students Act.
- Applicants seeking admission to the PTA Program are required to submit an electronic Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission. Completed petitions are accepted during the following time frames:

Spring 2024 Admission Consideration – November 2, 2023 from 9 a.m. through December 7, 2023 at 5 p.m.

All applicants who have filed a completed Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission are required to submit a brief, well-written essay that describes what influenced you to apply for a seat in the PTA Program and describe your personal strengths, which will allow you to function effectively as a PTA. The essay should be no more than two pages in length, using size 12 font, no greater than single spaced to 1½ space typed and no greater than 1-inch margins. Please include your name on each page. Submit the essay to the PTA Program Director: iporter@mc3.edu on or before December 7, 2023. The essay can be also be uploaded, when completing the on-line Petition.

- Applicants are strongly advised to meet with the PTA Advisor in the Central or West Campus Student Success Centers before submitting the Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission to verify completion of all Special Admission Requirements.
- All applicants who have filed a completed Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission November 2, 2023 from 9 a.m. through December 7, 2023 at 5 p.m. will be notified of the decision (Acceptance, Non-Acceptance or Alternate List Pending Acceptance) on or before December 29, 2023.

- The names of those applicants who receive a Non-Acceptance letter are removed from future consideration until the applicant re-submits a Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission for the next admissions cycle.
- All applicants offered an Acceptance letter are required to respond in writing to the offer by a required date specified in the Acceptance Letter. Failure to respond by this date may result in a loss of acceptance into the PTA Program during that admission cycle. Requests to defer acceptance are not considered. Accepted applicants who do not accept the offered seat or those who wish to defer admission must re-submit a Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission in subsequent academic years.
- All applicants who receive an **Acceptance** letter and confirm their acceptance in writing are **required to attend a mandatory PTA Program Orientation** held by the Director and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education of the PTA Program. This three-hour orientation provides information about the PTA Program and its pre-matriculation requirements including physical examination, immunizations, drug screening, criminal record check, etc. Applicants will also register for spring semester classes. Failure to attend the mandatory PTA Program Orientation may result in the loss of acceptance to the PTA Program.
- All applicants who receive an **Alternate List Pending Acceptance** letter and confirm their status in writing are **required to attend a mandatory PTA Program Orientation** held by the Director and Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education of PTA Program in anticipation of a prospective seat becoming available in the Program. This three-hour orientation provides information about the PTA Program and its pre-matriculation requirements including physical examination, immunizations, drug screening, criminal record check, etc. Failure to attend the mandatory PTA Program Orientation may result in the loss of an anticipated seat in the PTA Program. Alternate List Pending Acceptance students must re-submit a Petition for Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission in subsequent academic years if a seat is unavailable for the original year of submission.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM COSTS IN ADDITION TO TUITION/FEES

ALL FEES ARE ESTIMATES AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Textbooks*	\$1300.00
Uniforms and shoes*	\$ 200.00
Lab Kit*	\$100.00
Physical and required immunizations, PPD, flu vaccine**	\$ 500.00
Castle Branch Account	\$120.00
• Child Abuse Clearance	
• PA Criminal Background Check/FBI Clearance	
• Drug Screen	
APTA Student Membership National and PA Chapter Dues	\$ 85.00
Transportation to clinical education centers and enrichment sites	varies
CPR Certification for the healthcare professional	\$ 60.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 38.00
Application for State Certification / Licensure	varies
PTA National Exam Review Course***	TBD
PTA National Physical Therapy Exam	\$485
Medical Insurance Coverage	TBD

* Program Specific only.

** Depending upon individual medical insurance coverage.

*** Optional.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMISSION POINT SCORE WORKSHEET 12/4/2020

Pre-Technical Phase Courses		Section One Grades(s) Earned Points awarded for the highest grade earned in each course completed successfully.							
		A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	
Required	BIO 131^	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	
Optional	ESW 151	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Required	BIO 132^	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	
Required	MAT 106*	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Required	PHY 115^**	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Required	ENG 101	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Required	ESW 222^	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Required	ESW 224^	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Optional	ESW 215	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Required	THA 105***	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Optional	HCP 224	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Required	PSY 206	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
		Sub Total							
Total									

Section Two		Points (circle only one)	Section Three	Points (circle only one)
Documented Therapy Aide Employment within 5 Years of Petition			Highest Degree Earned	
500 – 999 Hours		1	Graduate	5
1000 – 1499 Hours		2	Bachelor	4
1500 or more Hours		3	Associates	3
Total Points:			Total Points:	

Section Four	Points	Section Five	Points (circle only one)	Section Six	Points (circle only one)
Current, valid Licensure / Certification the Year of Petition		Year of Application		Essay	
Medical Assistant Certified	1	This Year	0.25	High Score	3
Licensed Massage Therapist	1	Past 1 Year	0.50	Middle Score	2
Certified Personal Trainer through the ACSM or NSCA	1	Past 2 Years	1.00	Low Score	1
Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through NSCA	2	Past 3 Years	2.00		
Athletic Trainer	3	Past 4 Years or More	4.00		
Occupational Therapy Assistant	4				
Total Points:		Total Points:		Total Points:	

^ BIO 131, BIO 132, PHY 115, ESW 222, ESW 224 must be completed within 5 years of acceptance to the PTA Program.

Selected Pre-Technical Course Substitutes:

* MAT 106 – MAT 131, MAT 140, (MAT 188 & MAT 189 Combined) or MAT 190.

**PHY 115 – (PHY 121 & PHY 122 Combined), (PHY 151 & PHY 152 Combined).

***THA 105 – (CMS 110, CMS 113, or CMS 120 & an Aesthetic Sensibility Elective combined).