



## **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  
9/15/2020**

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), 111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; [accreditation@apta.org](mailto: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), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 215-619-7361 or email [rcullen@mc3.edu](mailto:rcullen@mc3.edu).

## **Admission**

- The PTA Program offers acceptance up to 20 applicants and selects four (4) alternates each summer 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 number of required pre-technical phase courses completed, course grades, area of residency, 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:

### **Fall 2021 Admission Consideration – May 4, 2021 from 9 a.m. through June 11, 2021 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: [rcullen@mc3.edu](mailto:rcullen@mc3.edu) on or before June 18, 2021. 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 May 4, 2021 from 9 a.m. through June 11, 2021 at 5 p.m. will be notified of the decision (Acceptance/Conditional, Acceptance, Non-Acceptance or Alternate List Pending Acceptance) in July, 2021.

- 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/Conditional, 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/Conditional, 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. At this session, Accepted/Conditionally, Accepted applicants will receive uniform order forms required for the PTA Program. Applicants will also register for fall 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. At this session, Alternate List Pending Acceptance applicants will receive uniform order forms required for the PTA Program. 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

\* Program Specific only.

\*\* Depending upon individual medical insurance coverage.

\*\*\* Optional.

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADMISSION POINT SCORE WORKSHEET 6/28/2019**

Completed	# In Progress	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
		BIO 131^	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
		ESW 151	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		BIO 132^	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
		MAT 106*	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		PHY 115^**	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		ENG 101	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		ESW 222^	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		ESW 224^	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		ESW 215	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
		THA 105***	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		HCP 224	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		PSY 206	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
		Sub Total							
		Total							

Section Two	Points (circle only one)	Section Three	Points (circle only one)	Section Four	Points (circle only one)
<b>Place of Permanent Residence</b>		<b>Documented Therapy Aide Employment within 5 Years of Petition</b>		<b>Highest Degree Earned</b>	
In County	5	500 – 999 Hours	1	Graduate	5
Shared Program	5	1000 – 1499 Hours	2	Bachelor	4
Out of County/In State	2	1500 or more Hours	3	Associates	3
Out of State	0				
Total Points:		Total Points:		Total Points:	

Section Five	Points	Section Six	Points (circle only one)	Section Seven	Points (circle only one)
<b>Current, valid Licensure / Certification the Year of Petition</b>		<b>Year of Application</b>		<b>Essay</b>	
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:	

# In Progress – must be registered Summer 2021 for all remaining pre-technical courses to be completed at time of petition application.

^ 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 – (SPC/CSM 110, SPC/CSM 113, or SPC/CSM 120 & an Aesthetic Sensibility Elective combined).