



APPLICATION TO COMMENCE THE PROFESSIONAL PHASE OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT (PTA) PROGRAM IN 2021

Applications for the incoming PTA Class of 2022, will be accepted between **January 1st & February 28th, 2021**. Applications will not be accepted before or after the application period.

To be eligible for acceptance into the professional phase, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Earned a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
2. Completed all pre-requisite courses within their listed timeframes
3. Earned the minimum grade required for each pre-requisite course
4. Completed all seven required pre-requisite courses, which are located on the applicant's MCCC transcript
5. Attended a mandatory PTA Program Information Session prior to submitting an application
6. Submitted a fully completed application prior to the deadline

Acceptance into the PTA Program is offered without regard to political views, religion, national or ethnic origin, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veteran status, or disability unrelated to job or program requirements. MCCC's PTA Program uses a rubric for admission consideration to ensure fairness and objectivity in the acceptance process. Point values are assigned to applicants based on:

1. GPA for all required prerequisite courses listed on this application (*Higher GPAs receive more points*)
2. Semester of first matriculation as a Health Science AAS: PTA Major at Mercer: (*Earlier dates receive more points*)

An application rubric example is available for review on the PTA Program's website at www.mccc.edu/pta

All pre-requisite courses must be completed before an applicant can be considered for admission into the professional phase. Therefore, students who are taking pre-requisite courses during the spring semester are not able to apply for the professional phase that same spring semester.

Though CSW 100 and the General Education elective are not required for acceptance into the professional phase, they are required for graduation. It is strongly recommended that students plan to complete these two courses prior to the start of the professional phase in the summer.

Notification to Students:

Within one week of submission of an application, applicants will receive an email notification **to their Mercer email address** indicating receipt of the application and a preliminary status. In early March, all applications are reviewed and prioritized by applicant score. Up to twenty-eight applicants with the highest applicant scores will receive a provisional acceptance letter mailed to the home address on record, after the college's spring break and usually by early April. All other applicants will receive a non-acceptance letter during the same timeframe. Verify that your correct mailing address is indicated on the application form.

Provisional Acceptance:

Once an applicant is selected for admission to the professional phase of the PTA Program, the initial acceptance is provisional and based upon attendance of a mandatory program orientation and submission (and results of) a criminal background check. Additional health and other requirements must be completed prior to beginning the fall semester. The orientation date and location will be announced after acceptance is confirmed.

Hard copies of this application are available outside of MS 157.

Electronic copies of this form are located on the PTA program website at www.mccc.edu/pta



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Instructions: Applicants should only complete one application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Legibly complete this application in full. Complete and return this application to the Health Professions Division Office in person (place it in the lock box located on the wall outside of MS 128), by first-class mail to the address below, or via email to ptap@mccc.edu. Electronic applications must be in pdf format (pictures of the application will not be accepted).

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Address _____ Student Veteran? (Circle: Yes or No)

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Telephone # _____ Date info session attended* _____

Mercer Email _____ Personal Email _____

Provide all requested information in the table below.

Required Courses	Exp.&	Min. Grade Requirement	Year Completed	College/University ⁺ where course was complete
English (ENG 101)	N/A	C		
English (ENG 102)	N/A	C		
Psychology (PSY 101)	10yr	C		
Mathematics Elective (MAT115, 140, 125 or 200)	N/A	C+ °		
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 103)✓	5yr	C+		
Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 104)✓	5yr	C+		
Kinesiology (PTA 105)	5yr	C+		

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*	Applicants are required to attend only one Information Session.
&	Courses that have expired do not fulfill the admission requirements for the PTA program. Psychology must be completed within 10 years of the Application submission. Anatomy & Physiology courses and Kinesiology must be completed within 5 years of the Application submission.
+	Applicants are responsible to ensure that all applicable transfer credits have been evaluated and that any transfer credits have been entered on your Mercer transcript prior to applying.
°	Applicants who completed the math requirement prior to the Spring of 2020 have a minimum grade requirement of "C". Applicants who complete the math requirement in Spring 2020 or after, have a minimum grade requirement of "C+".
✓	Anatomy & Physiology I & II must be completed at the same academic institution.

Mercer County Community College, Attn: PTA Program (MS 157), 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550



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Name _____ MCCC ID _____

Initial each of the following statements to indicate your understanding & agreement, and then sign and date below.

1. _____ I understand that the application process is unique for each year and does not “carry over” to another year. I understand that if I am not accepted into the program this year and I wish to apply in the future, I will need to submit a new application.
2. _____ I have reviewed the Essential Functions for PTA Students, available on the PTA website www.mccc.edu/pta. Some of the essential functions may be accomplished with the use of assistive technology or other reasonable accommodations. (If you have a documented differing ability or think that you may have a differing ability that is protected under the American with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or college policy, please contact the MCCC Center for Inclusion, Transition, and Accessibility in LB216 on the West Windsor campus for information regarding support services.)
3. _____ I understand that there are standards of behaviors expected from PTA learners, in accordance with the college, Health Professions Division, PTA Program, and the American Physical Therapy Association.
4. _____ I understand that a criminal background check, including sex offender registry is part of the requirement for clinical placement. Students with a criminal history within the past seven years may not be eligible to participate in the PTA Program. A criminal history may limit my ability to obtain state licensure as a licensed PTA. I understand that in order to participate in the PTA Program, I must have a valid social security number in order to complete the required background check.
5. _____ I understand that drug screening may be required by clinical sites to which I have been assigned. Non-prescription use of controlled substances may make me ineligible to complete the PTA program. I also understand that progression through the professional phase is dependent upon timely completion of health records and other related requirements, as outlined in the PTA Program Information Packet.
6. _____ I understand that the PTA Program has a program-specific grading policy, as outlined in the PTA Program Information Packet.
7. _____ I understand that the NJ State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners determines who is eligible for licensure. Completion of the PTA Program does not guarantee that the graduate will be eligible for licensure in New Jersey or any other state.
8. _____ I understand the admissions process as described on this form and that admission to the program is *not guaranteed for any individual*.
9. _____ I understand that due to the effects of Covid-19, the incoming PTA Class of 2022 will begin summer courses on 7/12/21. All students will earn an “Incomplete” grade for the summer courses. Practical examinations will take place during the first week of the fall 2021 semester and summer course grades will be finalized on the first Friday of the fall 2021 semester. I also understand that the course schedule within the professional phase may change due to future Covid-19 developments.

I affirm that the information on this application is accurate and request consideration for acceptance into the professional phase of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Signature _____

Date _____