

Physical Therapist Assistant



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Admission Requirements

Progression: To meet graduation requirements for this program, students must successfully complete the specified courses listed below with a "C" average (GPA of 2.00) or better. A grade of "C" or higher is required in each PTA course to progress in the program. Courses must be taken sequentially and competencies stated in each course syllabus must be met.

Minimum admission requirements (in addition to general admission requirements):

Attain an 18 composite score on the national ACT;

Or

Attain a 16 or 17 composite on the national ACT and complete 18 semester hours of program general education coursework with an average of "C" or above at an accredited college or university. These 18 hours of coursework should be selected from the following: Physical Science Survey I, Anatomy and Physiology I and II, College Algebra, English Composition I, General Psychology, Public Speaking, and Humanities/Fine Arts elective. Anatomy and Physiology must have been completed within three years prior to admission into the PTA program;

And

Observe in a Physical Therapy Department;

And

Submit two references;

And

Submit an autobiographical essay;

And

Attend an interview session after all other requirements have been met.

Admission is competitive, and specific admission requirements must be met. All requirements and required application materials are due by May 1, preceding the fall admission desired. The deadline will be extended, if needed, until maximum enrollment is met.

The PTA Admissions Committee will select each year's class from the pool of applicants who meet minimum admission requirements. Any application with incomplete records will not be considered for admission. The admission process is competitive, and completion of minimum requirements is not a guarantee of admission. Priority consideration for admission will be given as follows: 1) In-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 2) Out-of-district students who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework at MCC; 3) Mississippi residents who complete program prerequisites and/or general education coursework elsewhere; 4) Out-of-state students. Check with the Health Education advisor for selection details and deadlines.

After program admission and prior to classes beginning, students must present a physical examination, a CPR Healthcare Provider certification and proof of immunization for MMR. A background check, a Mantoux Two-Step TB Skin Test, and a random drug screening will be scheduled after enrollment. All students admitted into the program will be required to pay for fingerprinting and a background check, which will be performed after admission and prior to clinical laboratories. These fees will be attached as registration fees. There are certain convictions that will prevent an individual from being eligible to participate in clinical experiences. If a student is unable to participate in clinical experiences, he/she will be dismissed from the program. For additional information, contact the Health Education Advisor.

Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program must attend MCC full-time (12 or more semester credit hours).

Course of Study

FIRST YEAR

First Semester	Hours	
PHY 2243	Physical Science I	3
PHY 2241	Physical Science I Lab	1
ENG 1113	English Composition I	3
BIO 2513	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIO 2511	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1
PSY 1513	General Psychology	3
PTA 1123	Fundamental Concepts of Physical Therapy	3
PTA 1111	Health Care Experience I	1
	Semester Hours	18

Second Semester	Hours	
MAT 1313	College Algebra	3
BIO 2523	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIO 2521	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
SPT 1113	Public Speaking	3
PTA 1213	Fundamental Skills for Physical Therapist Assistants	3
PTA 1315	Kinesiology	5
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
	Semester Hours	21

Summer Semester	Hours	
PTA 1224	Therapeutic Modalities	4
PTA 1911	Seminar	1
PTA 2233	Electrotherapy	3
PTA 1921	Seminar	1
PTA 2413	Clinical Education I	3
	Semester Hours	12

SECOND YEAR

First Semester	Hours	
PTA 1324	Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation I	4
PTA 2334	Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation II	4
PTA 2513	Medical Conditions and Related Pathology	3
PTA 2911	Seminar	1
	Semester Hours	12

Second Semester	Hours	
PTA 2424	Clinical Education II	4
PTA 2434	Clinical Education III	4
PTA 2444	Clinical Education IV	4
PTA 2523	Physical Therapy Seminar	3
	Semester Hours	15

Total Program Hours **78**

Important Notice: Advanced placement credit and/or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) will not substitute for ENG 1113 (English Composition I).

Program Goals

Graduates of the Meridian Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program will:

1. Safely perform those skills appropriate to the role of the physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist with competence and the knowledge of the underlying principles of each skill.
2. Demonstrate critical thinking as evidenced by his/her ability to recognize, report and assess patient response to treatment provided within the treatment plan.
3. Communicate effectively with patients, family members, physical therapists, physical therapist assistants and other healthcare personnel through written, verbal and nonverbal forms of communication.
4. Demonstrate comprehension of the psychosocial, cultural and physical aspects of patient care.
5. Exhibit conduct that is legal, ethical and committed to lifelong learning.