

# PTA

## PTA PROGRAM ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program receives numerous requests for information on how to enroll in the professional phase of the PTA Program. In response, the paragraphs that follow offer an encapsulation of how prospective students are admitted.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program admits students into its professional phase once each year coinciding with the fall semester. Candidate selection is based on a number of measures, including grade-point average, a writing skills assessment, and attendance at a mandatory PTA Program Information Session.

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 student'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, which includes a writing skills assessment to be taken at the West Windsor campus Testing Center during the month of April
7. Meet the criteria outlined in the suspension/expulsion policy (located in the PTA Program Information Packet)

\* The seven required pre-requisite courses (ENG 101, ENG 102, PSY 101, MAT, BIO 103, BIO 104 & PTA 105) must be completed by the end of the spring semester in which an applicant submits an application. While the General Education elective is not required for acceptance into the professional phase, it is strongly recommended that students plan to complete this course prior to the start of the professional phase of the PTA program.

Each year, candidates submit an application during the month of April, which serves as the formal request to be admitted into the professional phase of the PTA program that begins in the fall semester of the same year. Called the Application for the Professional Phase of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, the form is completed electronically, and will be made available on the PTA program website by April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. 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 in the mail, usually by early June. All other applicants will receive a non-acceptance letter during the same timeframe.

Acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant 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.

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