

**Wayne County Community College District
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
APPLICATION PACKET**



Application Due
Cohort Selection
Cohort Starts

Spring, May 15th, 5:00pm
Summer of Application Year
Fall of Application Year

Dear Prospective Physical Therapist Assistant Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD). The following information is intended to help you make an informed decision about your career choice.

PTAs are movement experts who work under the direction and supervision of physical therapists to treat people of all ages and abilities. PTAs are licensed health care providers who work in a variety of settings including outpatient clinics, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, home healthcare settings, and school systems to help people avoid surgery and prescription drugs, maximize their mobility, manage pain and chronic conditions, and improve physical function and fitness.

This packet outlines the process specific to completion of prerequisite courses and application for entry into the limited enrollment PTA Associate of Applied Science degree program.

The mission of the PTA program is to empower students to become highly skilled, safe, and responsible PTAs by providing them with access to high-quality contemporary physical therapist assistant education in an environment that is dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of the individuals and communities it serves.

Any student interested in applying to the PTA program is strongly encouraged to make contact with the PTA program staff listed below who will serve as advisors regarding the PTA program.

Dr. Sherry Saggors, PTA Program Dean

Email: ssagger1@wcccd.edu

Phone: (313) 496-2818

Dr. Celestine Walker, PTA Program Associate Dean

Email: cwalker2@wcccd.edu

Phone: (313) 496- 2758 ext. 2034

We look forward to the opportunity to share information with you regarding the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

All the best as you begin your journey!!!

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Accreditation Status

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) is required in all states.

Effective April 30, 2024, Wayne County Community College District has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org). For questions, please contact (313) 496-2818 or email ssagger1@wcccd.edu.

Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program expects to receive an accreditation decision by October 2025. If the accreditation decision is positive, students who complete the program in December 2025 will graduate from an accredited program.

The Wayne County Community College District Physical Therapist Assistant program is committed to unconditional compliance with CAPTE standards, so it is our intention to maintain integrity in all aspects of the accreditation process including, but not limited to the:

- timely submission of annual accreditation reports once the program is implemented;
- timely submission of fees associated with CAPTE accreditation;
- timely notification of any planned or unexpected substantive program changes;
- timely reporting any institutional factors that may affect the program's progress toward accreditation;
- timely correction of any areas of deficiency identified by CAPTE which may result in non-compliance;
- publicly reporting of program data related to admission, graduation rates, national physical therapy examination outcomes, and employment rates.

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PTA Program Application Process

To be considered for admission to the WCCCD PTA program, the following ten (10) steps must be successfully completed:

- **Step 1: College Enrollment.** Complete an application for acceptance to the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD). Students who are currently enrolled in the college need not reapply. Applications to WCCCD and other important information can be found online at: www.wcccd.edu.
- **Step 2: Complete Prerequisite Coursework.** All prerequisite coursework must be completed no later than the **end of the spring semester of the application year**. Students must possess and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above on all college credits including those from other institutions; complete all weighted courses (BIO 240, BIO 250, PTT 101) with a “B” or better; and complete all other required prerequisite courses with a grade of “C” or better. Weighted courses (BIO 240, BIO 250, PTT 101) must have been completed within the last five years. PTT 101 must be taken at WCCCD and cannot be transferred in.

Prerequisite Courses

PS 101	American Government	3 cr
PSY 101	General Psychology	3 cr
ENG 119	English I	3 cr
SPH 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3 cr
BIO 240*	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4 cr
BIO 250*	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4 cr
PTT 101*	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2 cr

**Weighted courses. Must have been taken within the most recent 5-years. “B” or better required. Grades earned in weighted courses will be used to calculate weighted course application points. PTT 101 must be taken at WCCCD.*

- **Step 3: Complete Pre-admission Observation.** Applicants are required to complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of observation in a physical therapy clinic. Observation hours must be obtained from a minimum of two different facilities (i.e. 4 hours + 4 hours). If employed as a physical therapy technician, a maximum of four hours can be obtained from one’s current or previous workplace. Observation forms should be signed by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and submitted as part of the application packet. In the event of a pandemic such as COVID-19, this requirement may be modified or waived at the discretion of the PTA Program Dean.

- **Step 4: Submit Two Professional Letters of Recommendation.** Two (2) letters of recommendation (*included in the supplemental application packet*) must be submitted as part of the completed application process. All references should be professional in nature, coming from individuals such as former or current supervisors, clergy, or instructors. The person completing the letter must have known the candidate for a minimum of sixteen (16) weeks. References from friends, relatives, classmates, or co-workers will NOT be accepted. These forms must be returned directly to the WCCCD PTA Program Dean by the individual completing the form. ***Reference letters completed by and/or returned by students will not be accepted.***

Be sure to sign and date the form PRIOR to giving it to the individuals completing letters on your behalf.

Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the persons completing the forms and must be received by the deadline. No late letters of recommendation will be accepted. Arrange for all letters of recommendation to be sent by the person completing the form to the following address:

**Dr. Sagers, PTA Program Dean
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Wayne County Community College District
1001 W. Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48226**

- **Step 5: Submit the Health Science Program Application.** Complete and return the Health Science Program application and all required forms and documents as outlined in this supplemental packet to the PTA Program Dean by the May 15th, 5pm, deadline. Any applications that may be sent to the Northwest Campus will be collected by the District Provost-Health Sciences and forwarded to the PTA program dean.
- **Step 6: Submit Unofficial Transcripts.** Unofficial transcripts are a required part of the application process. Unofficial transcripts must be received by PTA Program Dean prior to the May 15th deadline.
- **Step 7: Take the TEAS Entrance Exam.** All applicants are required to complete the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum score of 60%. Failure to obtain 60% or better will render the applicant ineligible for application/admittance into the technical track of the PTA program. Note: The TEAS may only be taken twice per application period (at least 30 days apart) and a passing score does not guarantee admission to the program. The timed exam must be taken on a WCCCD campus and proctored by the appropriate personnel. The TEAS exam must be completed prior to the application deadline.

The TEAS will be offered in summer of 2025 with a cost of approximately \$85 per test. PTA program staff will provide registration details during spring 2025.

- **Step 8: Attend Mandatory Information Session.** All applicants are required to attend an information/advising session prior to the May 15th application deadline, which will provide in-depth information and enrollment guidance. Information sessions may be virtual or in-person at the discretion of program staff. Applicants who do not attend a mandatory information session will not be considered for admission to the technical track of the PTA program. Information about the dates and times of mandatory sessions will be shared via email to all potential applicants. Each potential applicant is responsible for ensuring the PTA Program Dean has their current email address.
- **Step 9: Complete Criminal Background Check and Drug Screen.** All applicants must complete a criminal background check and drug screen and submit a copy of the results to the PTA Program Dean no later than May 15th at 5pm. Information regarding the background check process will be published by the PTA Program Dean.
- **Step 10: Seek Advising from PTA Staff.** All applicants have the option to schedule a pre-admission advising appointment to discuss their academic plan. Program staff will be available for advising on a walk-in and appointment basis.

Please contact the PTA Program Dean, Dr. Saggars, via e-mail at ssagger1@wcccd.edu to arrange a pre-advising appointment. Students may also contact the PTA Associate Dean, Dr. Walker, at cwalker2@wcccd.edu for PTA program advising.

Feel free to contact the PTA Program Dean, Dr. Saggars, with any questions or concerns and to confirm receipt of application documents on your behalf.

Program Dean Contact Info:

Dr. Sherry Saggars

Email: ssagger1@wcccd.edu

Phone: (313) 496- 2818

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Acceptance Criteria

Admission to the PTA Program is determined on an objective, non-discriminatory basis. Candidates must fulfill all College and PTA program admission requirements. Students who have completed all requirements and procedures by the application deadline will be considered for admission. If a student will be completing prerequisite courses during the semester prior to the start of the PTA program, they may still submit an application for consideration. **Qualified students are ranked for admission based on a 100-point scale. The top 24 students will be offered a seat in the PTA program.**

PTA Application Point Scale

Application Criteria	Points	Notes
TEAS Exam	35	60% or higher required
Weighted Courses	30	"B" or better - BIO 240, BIO 250, PTT 101
Cumulative GPA	25	High school GPA used if <12 college credits
Observation Hours	10	Minimum of 8 hours - 2 facilities
<u>Letters of Recommendation</u>	<u>0</u>	Two professional letters required
Total	100	

*Weighted courses must have been taken within the most recent 5-years.
PTT 101 must be taken at WCCCD.

Bonus Points

Prior achievement bonus points will be awarded to applicants who have the following backgrounds:

- Physical therapy technician experience (*1+ years required*) 10-points
- Military service (proof of service required) 7-points
- Higher level degree (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate) 3-points

Note: Applicants are limited to a maximum of 10 bonus points regardless of their prior achievement status. Example: An applicant who is a veteran, has a bachelor's degree, and worked as a technician for 2 years would be awarded 10 bonus points.

To receive bonus points, the applicant must provide written, verifiable proof of status (i.e., employment letter, DD214, college transcripts, etc.). Must be submitted prior to the application deadline. Late documents will not be accepted.

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Application Packet Checklist

Application packets must be complete to be considered for admittance. A complete PTA application packet includes the following:

- Completion of prerequisite courses
 - General education courses 'C' or better
 - Weighted courses 'B' or better (PTT 101, BIO 240, BIO 250)
 - Overall GPA 2.5 or higher
- Health Science Program Application
- Essential Functions for the PTA Student Form
- Observation Hours Acknowledgement Form
- Observation Hours Form
- Recommendation Form (*two; sent by persons completing form*)
- PTA Program Acknowledgement Form
- Unofficial transcripts (*sent to Program Dean*)
- TEAS score (*60% or higher required*)
- Criminal background check and drug screen (*due no later than May 15th at 5:00 PM of the application year*)

The ranking and selection rubric is available upon request. It is the responsibility of the applicant to assure that all supporting documentation is in their application – incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Late documents will not be accepted. All documents must be received by the May 15th, 5:00 PM, deadline.

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Required Forms & Documents

Students seeking admission to the PTA program are responsible for completing all of the following required forms in this packet. Program staff are not responsible for reminding students to submit documents. Students have the sole responsibility of ensuring all documents are received by the May 15th, 5pm, deadline.

These forms are part of the application packet and must be received by the PTA Program Dean by the May 15th, 5pm, application deadline. Failure to complete any of the required forms, documents, or statements by the date specified may render the applicant ineligible for admission to the PTA program for that respective application cycle.

Be sure to completely fill out all forms!

Please note that some forms contain multiple pages.

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Essential Functions for The Physical Therapist Assistant

In accordance with expectations of the physical therapy profession, PTA students must be able to perform the following essential functions with or without reasonable accommodations.

Essential Function	Capabilities Expected
Motor Skills	<p>The student must have sufficient motor abilities to perform safe and effective physical therapy procedures, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assist and protect patients during activities - Adjust, move, position, and lift patients/equipment - Perform physical tasks (e.g., bending, twisting, standing, walking) - Provide CPR - Manipulate equipment and adjust settings - Endure an 8-hour workday in a clinical setting
Sensory Skills	<p>The student must have adequate sensory abilities to assess and monitor patients effectively, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visual ability to interpret expressions, body language, and movement patterns - Auditory ability to respond to communication and alarms - Tactile ability to palpate pulses, skin texture, and muscle tone
Communication	<p>The student must be able to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing. Capabilities required include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Read and write at a competency level for effective function - Present information clearly to patients, families, and professionals - Interpret and respond to verbal/nonverbal communication - Communicate patient status, safety, and rehab information
Behavior	<p>The student must demonstrate good judgment, build therapeutic relationships, work well under stress, and tolerate close physical contact with patients and colleagues. Capabilities required include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with multiple patients/colleagues simultaneously - Handle stressful situations and maintain professionalism - Work with diverse backgrounds - Act in the best interest of patients - Maintain patient privacy and adhere to HIPAA guidelines
Critical Thinking	<p>The student must be able to quickly comprehend and process information, understand three-dimensional and spatial relationships, and make sound clinical judgments based on complex information. Capabilities required include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect, interpret, and integrate information for clinical decision making - Prioritize tasks and make decisions effectively - Apply education knowledge to physical therapy services - Observe, measure, and modify interventions based on patient responses - Act safely and ethically in the clinic

These requirements do not reflect the ability of the graduate to pass the state licensing examinations and may not reflect all of the functions which may be required for employment of the graduate.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM CLINICAL OBSERVATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read this acknowledgement form, print name, sign, date, and return to PTA Dean.

A total minimum of 8 contact hours of clinical observation in at least two (2) different physical therapy settings is required to satisfy this requirement and must be completed prior to the application deadline, May 15th, 5pm, for the selection process to the technical portion of the program.

The following guidelines have been established for the required clinical observation experience for students seeking admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. It is extremely important that students present themselves in a professional and work-like manner. After all, the clinical observation sites are a potential site for clinical placement or future employment.

The signature page of this document must be submitted as part of your application packet.

Setting up the clinical observation experience:

1. Students are solely responsible for arranging their own observation experiences. The PTA program is not required to provide site recommendations or contact information and will not contact facilities on behalf of the student. Note that these guidelines apply to pre-acceptance physical therapy observations only.
2. Students should be aware that the scheduling of observation hours varies depending on the site. Site availability is a privilege, not a right so students should be respectful and appreciative of any opportunity given by the clinical site.
3. Students should look for opportunities to observe in a variety of settings. Minimally, students must obtain 4 hours of observation in two different facilities. Hours may be obtained all in one chunk or broken down into increments mutually agreed upon by the student and clinical site.
4. Students should contact the rehab manager and/or volunteer department of the facility where they hope to do their clinical observation. They should identify themselves by name and then explain that they are currently seeking admission

to the PTA program at the Wayne County Community College District. Students should politely ask if it might be possible to fulfill the **OBSERVATION** requirement at the contacted facility. Students must clearly articulate that they are only observing. Observation is NOT the same as the clinical experiences received as a student in the PTA program. Specific arrangements regarding starting date, time, location, contact person, etc., should be clarified. If, for any reason, the facility is unable to take students at that time, the student should politely thank the person with whom they are speaking for their consideration. Students should then contact a different facility.

5. Once observations are scheduled, students should make every effort to attend. In case an emergency, illness, or schedule conflict would prevent the student from keeping their appointment, the student should contact the facility immediately to reschedule. Failure to do so does not speak well for students, the program, or the College.

During the clinical observation:

1. Students should plan to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
2. Students should be well-groomed and adhere to the following appearance guidelines:
 - a. Nails should be short to moderate length and if polished, the polish should not be chipped.
 - b. Students should be dressed in a professional and work-like manner. Shorts, denim jeans, midriff tops, revealing clothing, etc., are NOT appropriate.
 - c. Shoes should be flat, comfortable. Heels and open-toed shoes are NOT appropriate.
 - d. Hair should be restrained and/or pulled back if long enough to cover your face or hang on your collar.
 - e. Jewelry should be limited to wedding rings, watches, and earrings. Jewelry harbors bacteria and germs. Earrings should not be excessive or dangling.
 - f. Perfumes or colognes should not be worn due to the potential for allergic reactions.

3. Should students be unable to attend scheduled clinical observation due to an emergency or illness, they should contact the facility prior to their scheduled arrival time.
4. While at the facility, students should be courteous of staff and patients at all times. Students should ask questions. Students may also ask questions about equipment.
5. Gum chewing, rudeness, and/or cell phone use is never appropriate during clinical observations.
6. Students should not offer patients any advice, nor should they seek medical advice from the staff.
7. Students are expected to treat all patients and staff with dignity and respect.
8. Students are expected to maintain the confidentiality of any patient information obtained during the clinical observation.

The Clinical Observation Form must be completed by the student, signed by the supervising therapist(s), and returned to the PTA Program Dean, by the student as an attachment to the application packet no later than the May 15th, 5pm, deadline of the year in which the student plans to apply to the PTA program.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained in the Clinical Observation Acknowledgement Form.

Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Observation Hours Form

All applicants must complete a minimum of 8 hours of verified observation time in at least two separate physical therapy facilities (4 hours each). Individuals already working as paid employees in a physical therapy department may use their regular work hours to complete up to 4 hours of this requirement. Complete this form and have the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant that you observed sign. **ONLY THE SIGNATURE OF A PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT IS ACCEPTABLE.** Please turn in the completed form with your program application. **Use a different form for each site.**

Student Name _____

Facility Name _____

Facility Address _____

Facility Phone: _____

Facility Type (i.e., outpatient, skilled nursing, hospital): _____

Date(s) Attended	Contact Hours
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total	_____

Observation Summary

Provide a brief summary about what you observed. Be sure to maintain patient confidentiality.

Student Signature

Date

Verification by Supervising PT/PTA.

I confirm that the student completed the observation experiences as outlined above.

Therapist Printed Name

Therapist Signature

Date

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____ is an applicant to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at the Wayne County Community College District. Your evaluation of this applicant is an important part of the admissions process for a healthcare, people-oriented, profession. This form is used to objectively assess this student's ability to successfully contribute to the stated profession. We may contact you to verify the information provided. **Thank you for your valuable input.**

Applicant be sure to sign and date this document before giving it to your recommender.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The student waives all rights to access this document. Your comments are confidential.

How long have you known the applicant? _____
(Must have known applicant at least 16 weeks to complete this form)

Explain how you know the applicant _____
(Professional affiliations only. No friends, family, or co-workers, or classmates)

Please indicate your impression of this applicant with regard to each of the following factors by checking the appropriate rating.

	4 Outstanding	3 Above Average	2 Average	1 Below Average	Unknown
Initiative & Drive					
Stress Management					
Compassion & Caring					
Communication Skills					
Integrity					
Problem-Solving Skills					
Quality of Work					
Appearance					
Maturity					
Punctuality/Reliability					
Interpersonal Skills					

- I recommend this applicant with confidence.
- I recommend this applicant.
- I recommend this applicant with some reservations.
- I would not recommend this applicant for admission.

Printed Name of Recommendation Writer

Date

Signature of Recommendation Writer

Address

Phone

Email

This form must be submitted by the recommendation writer. Forms submitted by students will NOT be accepted.

Please return the completed form to the PTA Program Dean at:

Dr. Sherry Siggers

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Dean
1001 W. Fort St
Detroit, MI 48226

Email: ssagger1@wccd.edu

This form must be submitted by 5:00 pm on May 15th of application year.

Thank you!

PTA Program Acknowledgement Form

This is a required document. Initial each statement to indicate you have read the information.

_____ **The PTA program is a highly rigorous, two-year (6 semesters) daytime program of study.** Grade of C or better is required to pass each/all technical PTA courses and course components. Students must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher to continue in the program.

_____ **There is a short turnaround time between acceptance and the start of the technical track.** Acceptance decision notifications will be made at the end of the summer semester, approximately two weeks prior to the start of the technical track (fall semester).

_____ **Technical track courses must be taken in the published sequence.** Technical track courses are intentionally designed to progress cohorts from introductory levels to advanced. Inability to take courses as sequenced will result in program dismissal; reapplication and/or reentry guidelines will apply.

_____ **Applicants who are unable to accept a seat must reapply.** If offered a seat but are unable to accept it for any reason, the applicant is not guaranteed acceptance into a future cohort. The student must reapply during one of the subsequent application periods and be selected for acceptance for the new cohort.

_____ **Classes require a high level of problem-solving and critical thinking.** Students must demonstrate a deep understanding of materials and the ability to apply information learned. Surface learning and rote memorization of facts will NOT assist students with being successful in the program. Students must be open to constructive feedback.

_____ **Physical therapy is a hands-on profession. Students must touch and observe each other.** Students will be required to be within each other's personal space. All students must maintain professionalism while working in close proximity to their peers during physical and visual patient assessments/treatments. Students will be required to dress down in labs (tank tops and shorts, shoes off) to allow for the effective practice of clinical skills. Students and faculty must perform palpation (professional touch) to learn/practice various treatments and assessment techniques. Touch will be performed professionally at all times. The lab will be a judgment-free zone at all times. Violations of this policy will result in immediate program dismissal.

_____ **The program is a full-time, day program.** Generally, PTA courses will be

scheduled any day of the week (Monday-Thursday) and start times can range from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. There may be occasional evening or virtual courses. On rare occasions, Fridays may be utilized.

Additional time spent on campus. Students must be prepared to spend a significant amount of time at school. In addition to scheduled classes and labs, it is strongly suggested that students spend additional time in open-labs practicing skills taught by course instructor(s). Students must never practice skills or use equipment not previously taught by instructor(s). Lab testing will periodically occur outside of scheduled class time.

Clinical requirements. Each student must successfully complete three clinical experiences (1 part-time at 80 hours and 2 full-time at ~272 hours each). Clinical experiences are unpaid. While efforts will be made to place students in near their home addresses, placements may be located throughout southeastern Michigan. Students must be prepared to travel for their clinical experiences and are responsible for providing their own transportation. Students must provide proof of health insurance and immunizations prior to attending clinical experiences.

Disability will not exempt students from completing required tasks and a reasonable accommodation will not guarantee that a student will be successful in meeting the requirements of any course. The PTA program reserves the right to withdraw the offer of admission or dismiss any student if it becomes apparent to PTA faculty and staff that any student:

- cannot perform essential functions with reasonable accommodations
- the accommodations are not reasonable and would put an undue hardship on the program/institution
- the performance of these functions would significantly increase the risk, harm, or jeopardize the safety of others
- The program/institution cannot guarantee that clinical sites will be able to offer the same reasonable accommodations that are made available by the college.

Unofficial transcripts must be submitted as part of the application packet. Unofficial transcripts must be received by the PTA Program Dean by the May 15th, 5pm, application deadline.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information contained in the PTA Program Acknowledgement Form. I understand that I can direct any questions or concerns to the PTA Program Dean.

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Health Science Application

Be sure to

Print, Complete, and Submit the Health Science Application



The Health Science application is attached on the next page of this document. It is also available on the Wayne County Community College District web page under the Allied Health Programs tab. The link to the application is:

https://www.wcccd.edu/academic/pdfs/Health_Science_Application.pdf

The application must be completed and submitted to Dr. Sagger along with the rest of the application materials no later than May 15th at 5:00 pm of the application year. *No late application materials will be accepted.*

Students are solely responsible for ensuring that all application materials are submitted by the deadline. No one will contact you to remind of you of any missing documents. If you have any questions, please contact the PTA Program Dean at (313) 496-2818 or ssagger1@wcccd.edu.

Thank you for your interest in the PTA Program!

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE (USE BLUE OR BLACK INK)

Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Former Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Student ID #: A _____ Male Female WCCCD Email: _____

CURRENT ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Mailing Address (if different): _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone (include area codes): _____
HOME CELL WORK

If any of your transcripts, test scores, etc. might arrive under any name other than those listed above, enter names here:

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Home Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone (include area codes): _____
HOME CELL WORK

Relationship: _____

RESIDENCY

Are you a United States citizen? YES NO

Are you a resident of the Wayne County? YES NO (If yes, include documentation of residency)

Are you 18 years of age or older? YES NO

PRIOR ACADEMIC HISTORY

Have you received a High School Diploma? YES NO

Have you received a GED? YES NO Date Received _____

Have you completed 12 hours of college credits at WCCCD with a grade of "C" or better? YES NO

HIGH SCHOOL: _____
SCHOOL CITY STATE GRAD DATE

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED - (LIST ALL) REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL:

	COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES	CITY	STATE	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE CONFERRED
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please Note: Official transcripts from high school, GED scores or other colleges and universities, including your most recent WCCCD transcript, must be included in your admission file before the deadline date.

WHICH HEALTH SCIENCE PROGRAM ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? (PLEASE PICK ONLY ONE)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia Technology Associate Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Service Technician Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Assisting Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental Hygiene Associate Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Office Specialist Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Assistant Training Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Care Technology Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Technology Associate Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy Technology Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Phlebotomy Technician Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Nursing Education (LPN) Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical First Assistant Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Therapist Assistant Associate Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical Technology Associate Degree |

Are you a Veteran? Yes No V.A. Certificate # _____

How did you hear about our programs?

- High School Counselor College Advisor Radio Television Newspaper Friend/Family Other

Based upon Michigan Law

Students applying for admission will be subject to a criminal background check, the results of which could preclude an applicant from admission to Wayne County Community College District on the basis of any of the following:

- A felony conviction, or conviction for an attempt or conspiracy to commit a felony within the past 15 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving abuse, neglect, assault, battery or criminal sexual conduct within the past 10 years.
- Any misdemeanor conviction involving fraud or theft against a vulnerable adult.

OSHA REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must understand they may be exposed to hazardous air/blood pathogens and will be required to comply with all OSHA requirements. These requirements may include wearing tight-fitting masks, protective eye wear, gloves and gowns. A physician-signed examination form, TB test, Hepatitis B vaccination and other vaccinations will be required at the student's expense. Program specific OSHA requirements will be provided upon admission and possible drug testing. Additionally, the clinical practice site may require additional health requirements.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (PLEASE LIST)

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EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES BEGINNING WITH MOST RECENT (PLEASE LIST)

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POSITION			

PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW, INDICATING:

- the reasons you wish to be considered for admission into this program,
- your career goals and time frame for achievement, and
- any special qualities or characteristics that would be an asset in your chosen profession.

Do not handwrite your statement. Type in a Word document. Must be 500-750 words. Submit as part of the application packet by May 15th at 5:00 pm. No late submissions accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Direct any questions or concerns to the Program Dean, Dr. Sherry Sagers at ssagger1@wcccd.edu or the Associate Dean, Dr. Celestine Walker, at cwalker2@wcccd.edu. Be sure to sign and date this document.

I certify that all the information provided on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that falsifying any part of the application will result in cancellation of admission and/or registration. If admitted, I will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Wayne County Community College District Health Science Program.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

ELECTRONIC FORM: By typing your name in the form field above, you acknowledge this text serves as your signature.

NOTE: Use Adobe Acrobat Reader to complete and submit this form electronically. Download Adobe Acrobat Reader get.adobe.com/reader/
Email form to HealthScienceAdmissions@wcccd.edu

OR mail completed form to:

Provost Health Sciences • Wayne County Community College District
8200 West Outer Drive, Detroit MI 48219

Statement of Compliance with Federal and State Law

Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD), pursuant to the requirements of Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Vietnam-Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974, the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Executive Order 11246, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complies with all Federal and State laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education.

It is the policy of WCCCD that no person, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, disability, or political affiliation or belief, shall be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in employment or in any program or activity for which it is responsible or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. (Policy adopted by the Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees, July 28, 1993)

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Any questions concerning Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, or inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, and inquiries related to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which provides comprehensive civil rights protection for individuals with disabilities, or the College's Statement of Compliance with Federal and State law, should be directed to Director of Human Resources, Wayne County Community College District, 801 W. Fort, Detroit, MI 48226 or by calling: 313-496-2765.

Institutional Accreditation

Wayne County Community College District is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604; 312-263-0456, 1-800-621-7440 (fax at) 312-263-7462. The Higher Learning Commission accredits degree granting institutions within the 19-state North Central region of the United States. General questions and information may be located on the website www.hlcommission.org or by email to info@hlcommission.org. Information regarding WCCCD's status of accreditation is made available on the WCCCD HLC website. Complaints can be directed by email to complaints@hlcommission.org.

Key Points...

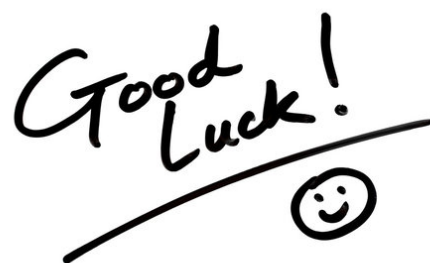
- Students completing 1-2 prerequisite courses per semester over a multi-year period may have difficulty adjusting to the volume of information delivered & the speed at which content is delivered during the technical track.
- The academic rigor of the PTA program is above average.
- Students need to assess their workloads, home life, and other outside commitments prior to applying to the program, as it requires extreme dedication/motivation/and stamina.
- Persons who have already completed a degree, have military training, or experience working in physical therapy, show a level of dedication and commitment necessary for a selective admission program and therefore will be awarded extra points as part of the application process.

Remember, the PTA staff are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Our goal is to help you succeed. Feel free to reach out at any time during your journey towards your PTA career.

Sincerely,

Dr. Saggars, PTA Program Dean

Dr. Celestine Walker, PTA Program Associate Dean

Good
Luck!


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PTA Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is the deadline to apply?

The deadline to apply for the PTA program is May 15 the year the student wishes to enter the technical track phase. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester of the application year. Please note that all other application requirements must be completed by the May 15 application deadline without exceptions.

How many students are accepted each year?

Enrollment is limited by class size: The Physical Therapist Assistant Program may only admit one cohort of 24 students per year in the fall semester. The top-ranked 24 applicants using the point ranking system will be offered a seat in the PTA Program. Therefore, due to the competitive nature of the selection process, careful preparation of the application and all requirements is highly recommended.

The PTA program is a limited enrollment program which means that both program admission and course registration are restricted to a certain number of students who meet predetermined criteria.

Limited enrollment programs have admissions processes and criteria beyond general college admissions. The PTA program requires a separate application in addition to general admission to the college. Admission to the college and completion of program application requirements does not guarantee admission to the PTA program.

What if I am not accepted into the program?

The prospective applicant will need to reapply for admission into the program during the next application cycle.

How long does it take to complete the program?

The program is a 2-year, full-time program designed to be completed in six semesters. There are two prerequisite semesters and four technical track semesters. The technical track begins in the fall and the cohort finishes the program the following fall, if all lecture, laboratory, and clinical courses are completed satisfactorily.

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What is the process for ranking and selecting students?

Points are allocated according to the Ranking & Selection Rubric. While applications are accepted until the deadline, final program selections won't be made until after the TEAS exams are administered in the summer. You can expect to hear about the admissions decision in late summer.

To be considered for the PTA Program, all application materials must be submitted by the deadline. Only candidates who meet all application requirements will be deemed qualified and included in the ranking process. The selection of qualified candidates is based on a 100-point scale used to rank applicants. All applicants with complete documentation submitted by the deadline will be ranked according to the admission criteria.

The final selection of applicants will be made by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Selection Committee. The committee has the authority to make the final decision on student admissions.

How will I be Notified of the Application Decision?

Please remember that all communication regarding your application will be sent to your WCCCD email account, including notification of acceptance. Once alerted of acceptance, students have 3 business days to accept the seat. If no response is received, the seat will be considered forfeited and an alternate is contacted. Students should regularly check their WCCCD student email account from May to August for acceptance notifications and program-related information and requirements. Selected students will be notified approximately two weeks before the start of the fall semester.

If accepted, you will receive a congratulatory email from the Program Dean. This email will include instructions for registering for fall courses and details about a mandatory orientation session in early August.

If not accepted, an email will be sent to you with information about your ranking and options for moving forward.

What if applicants have the exact same point totals?

If applicants have the same points awarded, the decision to admit will be based on the date the student was admitted to the College as a Health Science or Associate in Science major.

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How are points for cumulative GPA calculated?

Cumulative GPA is a ranked factor using a 4.0 scale rubric. Applicants can earn between 12.95 and 20 application points based on a formula that converts their GPA to a score (normalized GPA = GPA / 4.0) multiplied by 20. Applicants below a 2.5 GPA will not be considered for the PTA program.

GPA	Application Points
3.80 - 4.00	20
3.60 - 3.79	18.95
3.40 - 3.59	17.95
3.20 - 3.39	16.95
3.00 - 3.19	15.95
2.80 - 2.99	14.95
2.60 - 2.79	13.95
2.50 - 2.59	12.95
<i>Less than 2.5 not eligible to apply to the PTA program</i>	

If the applicant has completed 12 or more college credits, the college GPA will be used. If the applicant has completed less than 12 college credits, the high school GPA will be used.

How are points for weighted classes calculated?

Three specific courses, PTT 101, BIO 240, and BIO 250, are considered weighted courses and will be evaluated using a point system. For your reference, grades with pluses and minuses (e.g., A-, B+) will be counted as the base letter grade (A, B, or C) for points calculation.

Weighted Course Points Rubric

Courses	'A' pts	'B' pts	'C' pts	
PTT 101 Introduction to Physical Therapy	10	8	0	No more than 5 years old Taken at WCCCD
BIO 240 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	10	8	0	No more than 5 years old
BIO 250 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	10	8	0	No more than 5 years old
Total Weighted Course Points				30

Weighted course points are awarded based on the first two times the course is taken. Weighted course points will be reduced to zero for any grade earned from three or more attempts. No points are awarded for non-weighted prerequisite courses.

What if I am not accepted?

No Physical Therapist Assistant applications will be kept on file. If you are not admitted and wish to be considered for a future Fall Semester, you must reapply by the application deadline.

If any admitted students decline their invitation, applicants on the alternate list will be notified and offered a position, starting with the first alternate based on total points.

What if I am offered a spot in the program but cannot take it?

If an applicant is offered a seat in the PTA program but is unable to accept it for any reason, the student must reapply during a subsequent application period to be considered for a future seat. Applicants who decline their offers are not guaranteed acceptance for a future cohort.

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Can I attend the technical portion of the program part-time?

No. The technical track is a full-time, daytime program. While you can complete prerequisite courses at your own pace, once admitted, a full-time commitment is required. Expect to be in class or labs up to four weekdays (9:00 am - 5:00 pm). Maintain a flexible schedule as unscheduled lab activities and events might be necessary. Fridays may be used occasionally. Competency practice and testing might occur outside of class hours. Some evening classes are possible, with advance notification.

How is the program structured?

The 72-credit PTA program is divided into two parts:

1. **Prerequisite Phase:** This initial phase typically takes two semesters to complete. During this time, you'll focus on completing the required coursework and meeting all program application requirements.
2. **Technical Track Phase:** This full-time phase lasts 16 months, which is the equivalent of four semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall). You'll graduate in December of the second Fall semester.

PTA Program Course Structure

Prerequisites		Semester 3 Technical	Semester 4 Technical	Semester 5 Technical	Semester 6 Technical
ENG 119 English I (3 cr) BIO 240 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 cr) PTT 101 Introduction to Physical Therapy* (2cr) (spring only) PS 101 American Government (3cr)	BIO 250 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4cr) SPH 101 Fundamentals of Speech (3cr) PSY 101 General Psychology (3cr)	PTA 102 Clinical Pathology (2 cr) PTA 103 Functional Mobility (3 cr) PTA 104 Clinical Kinesiology (3 cr) PTA 105 Neurological Foundations (2cr) PTA 106 Functional Movement Development (2cr) PTA 107 Clinical Documentation (2cr)	PTA 110 Patient Assessment (3cr) PTA 112 Therapeutic Exercise (3cr) PTA 114 Orthopedic Manual Interventions (3cr) PTA 115 Professional Preparation (2cr) PTA 220 Clinical Education I <i>80 hours</i> (2cr)	PTA 204 Neurological Rehabilitation (4cr) PTA 205 Pediatric Management (2cr) PTA 210 Therapeutic Modalities (3cr) PTA 212 PTA Seminar in Specialty Practice (3 cr)	PTA 230 Clinical Experience II (320 hours) (6 cr) PTA 240 Clinical Experience III (320 hours) (6 cr)

Can I pick where I go for clinical experiences?

The program considers student preferences for clinical placements and strives to assign them to locations within a reasonable distance of their home addresses. However, prioritizing the best learning experience remains paramount. This means placements are chosen based on the quality of the clinical site and its ability to meet the educational needs of each student. Students should be prepared for the possibility of travel for their clinical affiliations. The final decision regarding clinical placement rests with the PTA Associate Dean.

Clinical facilities include hospitals, outpatient clinics, school systems, skilled nursing facilities, neurological rehabilitation facilities, long-term acute care facilities, and pediatric facilities.

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How long are the clinical experiences?

Clinical experience classes (PTA 220, PTA 230, and PTA 240) are full-time and require (unpaid) attendance at clinical facilities located throughout Southeastern Michigan.

- The part-time clinical experience class (PTA 220) requires that students complete 80 hours of work hours which are generally completed Monday through Friday for eight (8) hours each day for two weeks.
- Full-time clinical experiences (PTA 230 and PTA 240) require that students complete 272 work hours which are generally Monday through Friday for eight (8) hours each day for 7 consecutive weeks.

What are the costs of the program beyond tuition, books, and fees?

The following information is an ***ESTIMATION*** of additional costs PTA students may incur and is provided as a courtesy to ensure that you are fully prepared to complete the Program. The following costs are estimates only so students should understand that 'real costs' may vary.

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Estimated PTA Program Costs Beyond Tuition, Fees, & Books

Semester 1 (Fall) Technical Track		
Item	Estimated Costs	Notes
PTA Uniform	\$200	Required. Polo shirts, pants, jacket
Immunizations	\$450 (If no prior immunizations)	Required. Out-of-pocket cost will vary depending on prior immunization status and health insurance coverage.
Health Insurance	varies	Required. Varies depending on provider and selected coverages
Semester 2 (Spring) Technical Track		
Item	Estimated Costs	Notes
PTA Kit (recommended, not required)	\$70	Physical Therapy Kit - Goniometer, Gait Belt, Stethoscope, BP Cuff – ASA TECHMED
APTA student membership	\$90	Not required but highly suggested
Scorebuilders Mock Exam	\$50	Required for all students.
Travel to/from clinical site	varies	Depends on distance and vehicle type
Site-specific uniform	varies	May be required by clinical site.
Background check/fingerprint/drug screen	\$65	May be required by clinical site.
Semester 3 (Summer) Technical Track		
Item	Estimated Costs	Notes
PEAT mock exam	\$90	Required for all students.
License exam (compilation of fees)	\$900	Not required for the program but REQUIRED to work in any state. Begin registering during this semester.
Background check	\$65	Required for licensure application. May be required by clinical sites.
Semester 4 (Fall) Technical Track		
Item	Estimated Costs	Notes
Travel to/from clinical sites	varies	Depends on distance and vehicle type
Site-specific uniform	varies	May be required by clinical sites

What if I have a criminal background?

Wayne County Community College's clinical partners may not accept students who have been convicted of certain crimes or test positive for certain drugs into a clinical learning environment. Therefore, students must undergo a Criminal Background Check at their own expense, through CastleBranch.com in order to be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Students are required to disclose any and all federal, state (including states other than Michigan), or local crimes for which the student has been convicted to the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Dean.

Convictions occurring before admission to the PTA program must be reported to the PTA Dean prior to acceptance into the program. Convictions occurring after acceptance into the program must be reported to the PTA Dean immediately.

A student is not eligible for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program for a period of years following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing for conviction of certain crimes. The precise number of years a student must wait following sentencing depends upon the nature of the offense. Generally speaking, the more serious the offense, the longer the student must wait before eligibility is restored.

The Wayne County Community College District's Physical Therapist Assistant Program has adopted the waiting periods specified in the State of Michigan Mental Health Code MCL 330.1134a.

If a student has been convicted of a crime, the student should consult the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Waiting Periods (table below) BEFORE seeking admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant program to determine the specific waiting period, if any, applicable to that conviction.

Failure to disclose conviction of a crime listed in MCL 330.1134a is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Physical Therapist Assistant program. If a student is convicted of a crime listed in MCL 330.1134a while in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, the student will be immediately dismissed from the program.

Background checks are required as part of the application process for the PTA program. Students with infractions as listed in the table below, will be ineligible for admittance into the PTA program until specified waiting periods have been met.

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PTA Program Admission Mandatory Waiting Periods

Waiting Period	Type of Infraction
LIFETIME BAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Felonies related to neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of health care. ● Felonies relating to health care fraud. ● Felonies related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance if the conviction was entered on or after August 21, 1996. ● Adulteration of drugs or medicine injurious to health. ● Selling, distributing, delivering or furnishing product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine.
15-YEARS <i>following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A felony that involves the intent to cause death or serious impairment of a body function. ● A felony that results in death or serious impairment of a body function. ● A felony that involves the use of force or violence, or that involves the threat of the use of force or violence. ● A felony involving cruelty or torture. ● A felony involving criminal sexual conduct. ● A felony involving abuse or neglect. ● A felony involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon. ● A felony involving the diversion or adulteration of a prescription drug or other medications
10-YEARS <i>following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A misdemeanor involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon with the intent to injure, the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon that results in a personal injury, or a misdemeanor involving the use of force or violence or the threat of the use of force or violence. ● A misdemeanor involving criminal sexual conduct. ● A misdemeanor involving cruelty or torture unless otherwise provided under subdivision ● A misdemeanor involving abuse or neglect
5-YEARS <i>following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A misdemeanor involving cruelty if committed by an individual who is less than 16 years of age. ● A misdemeanor involving home invasion. ● A misdemeanor involving embezzlement. ● A misdemeanor involving negligent homicide. ● A misdemeanor involving larceny unless otherwise provided under subdivision. ● A misdemeanor of retail fraud in the second degree unless otherwise provided under subdivision. ● Any other misdemeanor involving assault, fraud, theft, or the possession or delivery of a controlled substance.
3-YEARS <i>following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A misdemeanor for assault if there was no use of a firearm or dangerous weapon and no intent to commit murder or inflict great bodily injury. ● A misdemeanor of retail fraud in the third degree. ● A misdemeanor involving the creation, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
1-YEAR <i>following completion of all terms and conditions of sentencing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A misdemeanor involving the creation, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture a controlled substance if the individual was under 18 at the time of conviction. ● A misdemeanor for larceny or retail fraud in the second or third degree if the individual, at the time of conviction, is under the age of 16.

What if I have a disability?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ensures qualified applicants to public institutions the ability to pursue program admissions, however, the applicant must meet essential requirements. The PTA Program holds all enrolled students to the same standards with or without reasonable accommodations. Successful participation in the PTA Program includes the ability to perform essential functions, which are necessary for the delivery of physical therapy services in a safe, ethical, and legal manner.

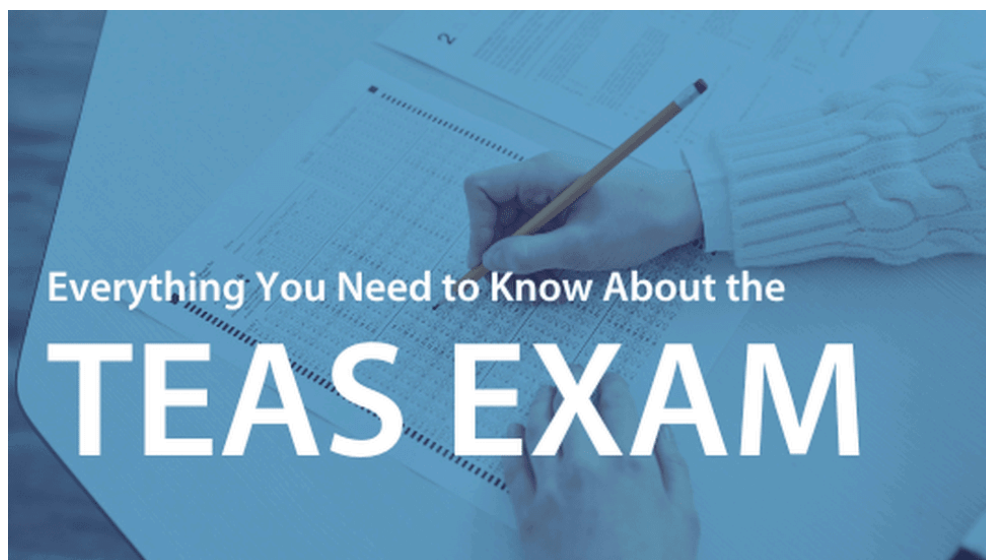
The essential functions are expected to be demonstrated, with or without reasonable accommodation, by students participating in the PTA program.

Upon reviewing the list of essential functions included in this packet, the candidate will complete the Acknowledgment of Essential Functions for the Physical Therapist Assistant Student form and indicate whether or not they can perform the essential functions.

Prior to admission to the program, students in need of accommodations are responsible for contacting Student Support Services at (313) 496-2634.

The following functions are considered essential requirements for Wayne County Community College District's PTA Program admission, retention and graduation.

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TEAS Exam

What is the TEAS? “The ATI TEAS, or Test of Essential Academic Skills, is designed specifically to assess a student's preparedness for entering the health science fields. The ATI TEAS test comprises 170 questions set up in a multiple-choice format with four-option answers. Questions are designed to test the basic academic skills you will need to perform successfully in the areas of: reading, math, science, and English and language usage” (ATI Teas, 2019, About the ATI TEAS”).

Is the TEAS a timed test? Yes. Testers will be given a total of 209 minutes to complete the exam: There are four individually timed sections:

→ Reading	53 questions	64 minutes
→ Math	36 questions	54 minutes
→ Science	53 questions	63 minutes
→ English & Language Usage	28 questions	28 minutes

What score do I need to get on the TEAS? Students seeking admission to the PTA program must obtain a minimum score of 60% to be eligible to apply. If a student does not earn 60% or higher on the first attempt at the TEAS, the student will need to take the TEAS again. The student must wait at least 30 days before retesting, and it is expected that the student will use the time to prepare for the next attempt.

When will I get my TEAS test results? Testers will get their scores immediately following the test. Testers must print a copy of their scores and provide it to the proctor prior to leaving the exam room.

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How many times can I take the TEAS test? PTA applicants may take the TEAS up to two times per year. However, you must wait at least 30 days between exams. The waiting period will allow time for studying. Students may take the TEAS up to two times per year. TEAS scores are only valid for one year.

How is the TEAS test graded? “Your TEAS score is calculated by a system called equating, which means some questions are worth more points than other questions. You will not know which questions have more weight, but there are easier and harder questions that make up the entire test” (ATI Teas, 2019, 10 Frequently Asked Questions About the TEAS Exam, para. 4).

Can I bring a calculator to the test? No. A calculator is built into the test. It will be visible when you get to the math portion of the exam.

Will I take the TEAS on a computer? Yes. The computerized TEAS exam for PTA program applicants will be administered in-person by Wayne County Community College on the downtown campus. The exam will be proctored (monitored by appropriate faculty/staff). Additional details about the testing process will be published by program staff.

How much does it cost to take the TEAS? Currently, the cost of the TEAS is approximately \$85 please note that this is subject to change. You must pay for the TEAS online using a debit or credit card prior your scheduled test day. Program staff will provide details regarding the online registration process. All sales are final! There are absolutely no refunds. If you have an emergency, please contact the PTA Program Dean.

What if I need a reader or some other accommodations to take the test? Students wishing to request accommodations should contact the Disability Support Services department at (313) 496-2634 to discuss the WCCCD policy and procedures regarding test accommodations prior to registering for your TEAS exam.

Testers should plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Bring a valid state ID or driver's license to the exam. This ID must be unexpired and have the tester's photograph and signature on it. Leave everything else at home or in your car.

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Testers **MUST NOT** bring anything else to the testing room. This includes but is not limited to:

- Cell phones, Tablets, Laptops
- Watches of any kind
- Books
- Paper or notes
- Writing utensils
- Outerwear such as jackets, coats, sweaters
- Purses, backpacks, or bags of any kind
- Calculators
- Hats, gloves
- Food or drinks, including gum, candy, water, etc.
- Any other personal belongings

Any student who brings prohibited items to the testing room will be asked to remove it prior to the start of the test. Any student who is caught with prohibited items during the test, will be immediately asked to leave and their exam will be forfeited and reported to appropriate authorities.

How will my application points be calculated based on the TEAS? TEAS

application points range from a minimum of 21 points and a maximum of 35 points. See Table 2 for a sampling of the breakdown of TEAS scores and application points. The following formula will be used for tabulating application points:

$$(\text{TEAS Score} * 0.35) * 100$$

Table 2 Sample TEAS Application Points

TEAS %	App Points
100%	35
99.9%	34.97
99.8%	34.93
99.7%	34.9
99.6%	34.86
99.5%	34.83
99.4%	34.79
99.3%	34.76
99.2%	34.72
99.1%	34.69
99.0%	34.65

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TEAS scores will be rounded to the nearest tenths using the following formula. All digits to the right of the tenths place will be examined.

Candidates **must score 60% or higher** to be considered for admission to the PTA program. Students may retake the TEAS one time during each year. Note: TEAS scores are valid for the current application year only. Scores from previous application cycles will NOT be accepted.

How do I register for the TEAS? Information regarding the TEAS registration process, exam dates, times, and location will be published by the program staff no later than February of the application year. Generally, the TEAS will be offered in April and May of the application year.

Are there study guides for the TEAS? Yes. Applicants may visit the ATI Teas website at <https://atitesting.com/teas-prep> for more information about the TEAS and to purchase study materials.

How are TEAS scores converted to application points? Application points are determined using the following TEAS Score Conversion Chart:

TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points	TEAS %	App Points
100%	35	96.4%	33.74	92.8%	32.48	89.2%	31.22	85.6%	29.96	80.3%	28.11	76.7%	26.85	73.1%	25.59	69.5%	24.33	65.9%	23.07	62.3%	21.81
99.9%	34.97	96.3%	33.71	92.7%	32.45	89.1%	31.19	85.5%	29.93	80.2%	28.07	76.6%	26.81	73.0%	25.55	69.4%	24.29	65.8%	23.03	62.2%	21.77
99.8%	34.93	96.2%	33.67	92.6%	32.41	89.0%	31.15	85.3%	29.86	80.1%	28.04	76.5%	26.78	72.9%	25.52	69.3%	24.26	65.7%	23.00	62.1%	21.74
99.7%	34.9	96.1%	33.64	92.5%	32.38	88.9%	31.12	85.2%	29.81	80.0%	28.00	76.4%	26.74	72.8%	25.48	69.2%	24.22	65.6%	22.96	62.0%	21.70
99.6%	34.86	96.0%	33.6	92.4%	32.34	88.8%	31.08	85.0%	29.76	79.9%	27.97	76.3%	26.71	72.7%	25.45	69.1%	24.19	65.5%	22.93	61.9%	21.67
99.5%	34.83	95.9%	33.57	92.3%	32.31	88.7%	31.05	84.9%	29.70	79.8%	27.93	76.2%	26.67	72.6%	25.41	69.0%	24.15	65.4%	22.89	61.8%	21.63
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99.2%	34.72	95.6%	33.46	92.0%	32.2	88.4%	30.94	84.4%	29.55	79.5%	27.83	75.9%	26.57	72.3%	25.31	68.7%	24.05	65.1%	22.79	61.5%	21.53
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98.9%	34.62	95.3%	33.36	91.7%	32.1	88.1%	30.84	84.0%	29.39	79.2%	27.72	75.6%	26.46	72.0%	25.20	68.4%	23.94	64.8%	22.68	61.2%	21.42
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96.5%	33.78	92.9%	32.52	89.3%	31.26	85.7%	30	80.4%	28.13	76.8%	26.88	73.2%	25.62	69.6%	24.36	66.0%	23.10	62.4%	21.84		

Less than 60%
ineligible for
admission to
the PTA
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PTA Program

Vision, Mission, Philosophy, Values, Goals

Vision

Our vision is to be widely recognized as a premier Physical Therapist Assistant Program that cultivates excellence, fosters diversity and inclusivity, inspires innovation, and transforms learners into leaders in the profession.

Mission

The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to empower students to become highly skilled, safe, and responsible PTAs by providing them with access to high-quality contemporary physical therapist assistant education in a diverse environment that is dedicated to meeting the current and emerging needs of the individuals and communities it serves.

Philosophy

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program is committed to the overall mission of the Wayne County Community College District. We are dedicated to providing excellent, innovative, and diverse educational opportunities that prepare graduates to develop the skills and professionalism required of the entry-level physical therapist assistant for contemporary practice.

Our educational focus is to prepare individuals to become licensed physical therapist assistants who competently work under the supervision of physical therapists by providing them with a broad background from which they may later choose to develop expertise as specialists. In addition, our graduates gain an appreciation for life-long professional development and serve as resources and advocates to meet the health needs of their communities.

We Believe in Excellence

The curriculum is characterized by a series of scaffolds, whereby students are advanced from foundational knowledge to the application of complex skills and strategies. Learners are progressed through the curriculum by demonstrating the knowledge and skills necessary to provide the highest quality care to their patients. The result is an intentional, rigorous, future-focused curriculum that helps students become highly skilled clinicians, effective leaders, strong communicators, and critical thinkers. Our faculty share a commitment to continuously developing curricula and methods based on current evidence and best practices.

We Believe in Diversity and Inclusion

We believe our charge is to prepare students from diverse backgrounds to positively transform the physical therapy profession. Every student should have access to well-qualified instructors, modern facilities and equipment, and well-respected learning resources. Faculty and staff are committed to doing this through collaboration, inclusivity, innovation, integrity, and excellence.

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We Believe in Empowerment

We are committed to providing student-centered learning opportunities and empowering learners to take an active role in the learning process. True learning occurs when students are actively engaged in the process and take responsibility for their own learning. We utilize a holistic approach to creating productive learning environments by establishing positive student relationships and valuing the voice of every learner.

We Believe in Serving the Community

Altruism and social responsibility are core values of the physical therapy profession. We believe in the importance of providing direct community service while learning about the context in which service is provided. Service-learning opportunities allow learners to realize the connection between their service, academic coursework, and responsibilities as citizens.

Core Values for the PT & PTA

The PTA Program adheres to the Core Values set forth by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA):

1. Accountability
2. Altruism
3. Collaboration
4. Compassion and Caring
5. Duty
6. Excellence
7. Inclusion
8. Integrity
9. Social responsibility

Program Goals

The goals of the WCCCD PTA Program are to:

1. **Students/Graduates:** To graduate highly skilled clinicians who are prepared to enter the workforce as safe, legal, ethical, and effective entry-level physical therapist assistants.
2. **Faculty, Staff, & Educators:** To promote an environment of academic excellence rooted in innovative, forward-thinking, and learner-centered instruction while remaining aligned with CAPTE standards and APTA best practices.
3. **Program:** To connect education to practice by inspiring a desire for lifelong learning and supporting opportunities for professional development, advocacy, and community outreach/service for students, faculty, and clinical partners.

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PTA Program Student Objectives & Outcomes

Upon completion of the PTA Program,

Objective 1.1 Students/graduates will demonstrate clinical skills commensurate with those of an entry-level physical therapist assistant working under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

Outcome 1.1.1 Students/graduates will demonstrate competence with managing physical therapy interventions in a safe, effective, and patient-centered manner under the supervision and within the plan of care of a physical therapist.

Outcome 1.1.2 Students/graduates will use critical thinking and problem-solving skills to appraise patient response to interventions to appropriately progress, modify, or regress interventions while competently implementing the plan of care as directed by the physical therapist.

Outcome 1.1.3 Students/graduates will demonstrate professional behaviors and attributes (e.g., professionalism, accountability, and resource management) in adherence with the practice standards established by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

Outcome 1.1.4 Students/graduates will produce clinical documentation that accurately, promptly, and effectively communicates the need and rationale for physical therapy intervention using appropriate medical terminology.

Outcome 1.1.5 Students/graduates will demonstrate commitment to self-assessment and lifelong learning.

Outcome 1.1.6 Students/graduates will utilize effective interpersonal communication skills to suit all situations and commensurate with the needs of the learner.

Outcome 1.1.7 Students/graduates will demonstrate cultural competence when providing care to individuals from a variety of lifestyles, cultures, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and abilities.

Outcome 1.1.8 Graduates will exceed CAPTE standards for graduation rates, license pass rates, and employment rates.

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