



McLennan Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program

FACTS SHEET

Mission

Planning, managing, and providing therapeutic services, diagnostic services, health informatics, support services, and biotechnology research and development.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION INFORMATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1st

Applicants will be notified of status via mail within **one month** of the application deadline date. The program begins in late August each year. ALL applicants MUST submit an entirely new application packet for each year they wish to apply. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications may be submitted starting in January and are due no later than 5pm on June 1st. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered. FAXED or EMAILED APPLICATIONS will not be accepted.

Mail to:

PTA Program
McLennan Community College
1400 College Drive
Waco, TX 76708

Admission Requirements:

1. **Minimum** academic requirements that must be met to be eligible for consideration include:
 - a) Completion of BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology 1, with a C or better is required prior to starting the PTA program.

Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to the program.

Applicants are STRONGLY encouraged to complete all 5 of the general academic “prerequisite” courses prior to applying to the PTA program in order to have a competitive application.

Application Requirements:

Application deadline is JUNE 1st

Mail Applications to: (NO faxed or emailed applications or transcripts will be accepted)

McLennan Community College
PTA Department
1400 College Dr
Waco, TX 76708

Note: All applicants must submit an entirely new application packet EACH time they apply to the program.

Applications may be submitted for a given admission cycle from January 2nd to June 1st each year. Applications must be complete to be considered for admission into the PTA program.

In order to be considered for admission to the program, an applicant must submit the following by June 1st

1. Completed MCC application forms and official transcripts to the Office of Student Records (www.mclennan.edu) if you are not already an MCC student.
2. Completed PTA application and official or unofficial transcripts to the PTA Program Director. It is the students responsibility to get all updated transcripts to the PTA program director prior to the application deadline
3. Verification of **40 hours** of volunteer/observation or work experience **in two different physical therapy settings** using the MCC/PTA Physical Therapy Experience Form (NOTE: Applications will not be considered without this verification)
 - Examples of physical therapy settings:
 1. Outpatient physical therapy
 2. Inpatient physical therapy
 3. Pediatric physical therapy
 4. Acute rehabilitation (hospital)
 5. Skilled nursing facility
 6. Home health physical therapy
4. **Two (only two please)** completed MCC/PTA Basic Workplace Skills Assessment Forms (one from a PT or PTA, the other from an employer, supervisor, teacher, etc. - not a social acquaintance).

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE PTA WEBSITE: www.mclennan.edu/health-professions/physical-therapist-assistant

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Applicants are admitted to the program based on the following two stage ranking system until the enrollment limit has been reached.

Stage One: All interested applicants will complete and submit by the June 1st deadline, the required application packet materials. Application packets will be scored and ranked based on the previously established scoring criteria.

Stage Two: Admission Interviews. A pre-selected number of the top scoring candidates from Stage One will be called back for interview on a specific date sometime within 7-14 days after the application deadline of June 1st. Interviews will be conducted by a panel consisting of faculty and experts in the field utilizing a systematic approach and scoring criteria.

GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

General Information not required but students are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend. These sessions are group advising sessions where in depth discussions about the PTA program, curriculum, application requirements and procedures are discussed. Sessions typically last 1-2 hours depending on attendance.

They are held:

2ND Wednesday of the month

2ND Thursday of the month

See PTA website for specific times/days

GIS meets in the CSC building, room C118/120, Call **299-8568** to reserve a day/time.

CURRICULUM:

The PTA program is a two-year associate degree program consisting of 5 academic courses and 14 PTA courses. All **academic courses may be taken before admission into the program**. The PTA courses are lock step and will take 5 semesters to complete. Additional information related to the curriculum may be found in the MCC General Catalog.

CLINICAL ROTATIONS:

All students must complete three, six week long, full time clinical rotations during the last two semesters of the program. At least one of your full-time clinical affiliations will be a travel rotation; defined as at least 60 miles from MCC. Each student will be required to have a criminal background check and a drug screen prior to being placed at a clinic site.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Academic Courses

(Students are strongly encouraged to complete all academic courses prior to admission to the PTA program, any courses not completed prior to admission will be added into the PTA program courses)

BIOL 2401 Anatomy & Physiology I

BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II

ENGL 1301 Freshman Comp I

PSYC 2314 Human Growth & Development

PHIL 2306 or other Language, Philosophy, Culture or Creative Arts Elective (humanities)

students must also prove math (TSI Complete) and computer competency

**NOTE: As Anatomy and Physiology are foundational for the practice of physical therapy, the Anatomy and Physiology courses cannot be more than 5 years old at the time the student applies to the PTA program*

Physical Therapist Assistant Courses

(completed once accepted into the program)

Fall 1

PTHA 1409 Introduction to Physical Therapy

PTHA 1413 Functional Anatomy

PTHA 2301 Essentials of Data Collection

PTHA 1225 Communications in Health Care

Spring 1

PTHA 1431 Physical Agents

PTHA 2409 Therapeutic Exercise

PTHA 1321 Pathophysiology

Summer

PTHA 2205 Neurology

PTHA 2431 Management of Neurological Disorders

Fall 2

PTHA 1361 Clinical – PTA I

PTHA 2435 Rehabilitation Techniques

Spring 2

PTHA 2362 Clinical – PTA II

PTHA 2217 Issues in Health Care

PTHA 2363 Clinical – PTA III

FINANCIAL AID:

Scholarships, work opportunities, grants and loans are available for eligible students. Submit Financial Aid applications for the summer semester by **April 1, for the Fall semester by July 1.** For questions related to financial aid, contact Financial Aid Office at (254)299-8698.

ADVISING & DEGREE PLANNING:

For individual degree plan evaluation or advising contact:

Heather Davis, PT, MSPT

PTA Program Director at (254)299-8715, or email hdavis@mclennan.edu

Stacy Fancher, PT, MS, FAAOMPT

ACCE/ Lecturer at (254)299-8526, or email sfancher@mclennan.edu

Copies of the general PTA Degree Plan are available on the PTA website

MCC website: www.mclennan.edu

PTA: www.mclennan.edu/health-professions/physical-therapist-assistant

The MCC PTA program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

Contact Information:

The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

Department of Accreditation

American Physical Therapy Association

1111 North Fairfax Street

Alexandria, VA 22314

Telephone: 703-706-3245

Website: www.apta.org/CAPTE

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A lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission to and participation in career and technical education programs. La falta de conocimiento del idioma inglés no será un impedimento para la admisión y participación en programas de educación técnica y profesional.

For students in this program who may have a criminal background, please be advised that the background could keep you from being licensed by the State of Texas. If you have a question about your background and licensure, please speak with your faculty member or the department chair. You also have the right to request a criminal history evaluation letter from the applicable licensing agency.

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MCC PTA PROGRAM APPLICATION SCORING CRITERIA

APPLICANTS WILL BE AWARDED POINTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

_____ **A. Pre- Requisite Grade Point Average**

(GPA x 10)

_____ **B. Courses Successfully Completed from the 5 PTA Academic Pre-Requisite Courses**

5 = **5 points**

4 = **4 points**

3 or Less = no points

_____ **C. Anatomy & Physiology Courses Completed (maximum of 15 points)**

BIOL 2401 (A&P I) With a grade of A..(1st attempt)..... **10 points**

BIOL 2401 (A&P I) With a grade of B..(1st attempt)..... **8 points**

BIOL 2402 (A&P II) With a grade of A...(1st attempt)..... **5 points**

BIOL 2402 (A&P II) With a grade of B...(1st attempt)..... **3 points**

Note: IF you had to re-take A&P I and/or II because they were more than 5 years old then the re-take will count as a 1st attempt. This rule applies to ONLY A&P courses being retaken because they were too old at the time of application. No points awarded for grades of C or below

_____ **D. Basic Workplace Skills Assessment Forms (2).....up to 10 points each** (Two forms required)

_____ **Total Points/ 80**

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