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** requirements that must be met to be eligible for consideration include:
   a) Completion of 12 semester hours from the PTA academic courses with a GPA of 2.5 or higher **OR** an ACT composite score of 19.
   b) BIOL 2401 is required prior to application to the PTA program. All students are strongly encouraged to complete BIOL 2402 Anatomy & Physiology II prior to applying and as much of the academic course work as possible prior to starting the PTA program in order to have a competitive application.

*Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee admission to the program.*
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/allied-health/physical-therapist-assistant

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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 Mattingly, PT, MSPT 
PTA Program Director at (254)299-8715, or email hmattingly@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/allied-health/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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