Physical Therapist Assistant

Provide the highest quality of patient care by helping individuals regain movement and manage pain. Physical Therapist Assistants serve in a variety of health care settings under the direction of a Physical Therapist.

Demand for the physical therapy industry is increasing in response to the needs of the baby-boom generation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapist assistants is expected to increase 46 percent from 2010-2020.

At McLennan, you can become trained as a Physical Therapist Assistant in only two years. You’ll earn an associate degree and be prepared to take the licensure exam approved by the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, so you can begin a rewarding career in the health care field.

What You’ll Learn
- Physical therapy knowledge and skills
- Treatment plans
- Working with patients
- Communication with patients, families, colleagues, health care providers and the public

What You’ll Get
- Classroom, laboratory and clinic experience
- Instructors who are dedicated to your success
- A program with a great reputation and that has trained many of the Physical Therapist Assistants in Central Texas

Admission Requirements
Admission is competitive; meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the program:

- Verification of 20 hours of volunteer or work experience in two different physical therapy settings using the McLennan/PTA Physical Therapy Experience Form
- Completion of 12 semester hours from the PTA curriculum with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or earning an acceptable composite ACT score

Students are strongly encouraged to complete BIOL 2401 and be TSI complete prior to admission.
How to Apply

Applications must be completed and turned in by June 1 for the following academic year.

- Complete the McLennan application
- Complete the Physical Therapist Assistant application
- Complete the Physical Therapist Assistant application checklist

You’ll find all the forms and applications you need to fill out on the McLennan website, www.mclennan.edu, or scan this code with your smartphone to go directly to the Physical Therapist Assistant website.

Clinical Experiences

You’ll get a chance to earn valuable experience in a physical therapy setting by completing three, six-week long, full-time clinical rotations during the last two semesters of the program.

You’ll work with physical therapists and clients, implement treatment plans and perform data collection techniques. You’ll learn to work in a manner that shows understanding of the responsibilities of the PTA in the physical therapy delivery system.

Gainful Employment Information

Gainful Employment information for this program is on McLennan’s website. This information is designed to help you determine the career outlook and costs of this program so you can make an informed decision about your career choice.

Go to www.mclennan.edu/gainful-employment or scan this code with your smartphone.