THIS IS NOT A PTA PROGRAM APPLICATION

The PTA program application is a separate form from this Physical Therapist Assistant Program Requirements Checklist and the Pre-Admissions Form. See an advisor to obtain a PTA PROGRAM APPLICATION.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Program Requirements

Student must have successfully completed all 8 requirements listed below prior to application to the Physical Therapy Assistant program.

1. Application Form for admission to the college.

2. Regular Student Status
   a. Official College Transcripts – an official transcript from each college attended must be sent directly from the college attended to the campus Admissions Office. Hand carried or faxed transcripts will not be accepted.
   b. High School Transcript or GED – required only for students with fewer than 15 hours of college level work or those who have satisfied the science requirements in high school. Current high school students must submit a final high school transcript before applying to the PTA Program.

3. Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.5 in high school or for 15 hours (minimum) of college work. Students with fewer than 15 hours of college credit must have both a 2.5 GPA in high school and 2.5 GPA in college. GED applicants must have 15 college credits with a 2.5 GPA. Students with at least 15 college level credits at STLCC with a 2.5 GPA will have met this requirement, regardless of the GPA at other colleges. College transfer students with fewer than 15 STLCC credits must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA in college level credits earned at the colleges attended. Developmental courses (numbered below 100) will not be counted toward the 15 hours of college work and will not be included in the GPA for admission to the program.

4. Reading: Complete one of the following to meet the Reading prerequisite
   a. Composite ACT score of 21 or higher or SAT verbal score of 500 or higher (within the last 3 years)
   b. Accuplacer score of 86 or higher on the Reading portion (within the last 3 years)
   c. Compass score of 91 or higher on the Reading portion (within the last 3 years)
   d. Completion of RDG 100 with a “C” or higher

5. English: Complete one of the following to meet the English prerequisite
   a. Composite ACT score of 21 or higher or SAT verbal score of 500 or higher (within the last 3 years)
   b. Accuplacer score of 83 or higher on the Sentence Skills portions (within the last 3 years)
   c. Compass score of 70 or higher on the Writing Skills portion (within the last 3 years)
   d. Completion of ENG030 or ENG070 with a “C” or higher

6. Math: Complete one of the following to meet the Math prerequisite
   a. Math ACT score of 23 or higher or SAT math score of 580 or higher (within the last 3 years)
   b. Placement into MTH140 or higher on the Accuplacer or the Compass (within the last 3 years)
   c. Completion of MTH030 or higher level math with a “C” or higher

7. Biology: Students are required to have completed BIO111 Introduction to Biology or higher level biology or two semesters of high school biology with lab and two semesters of high school chemistry with lab with “C” grades or better within five years of applying to the program.

8. Complete PTA Pre-Admissions Form (see reverse side) and return to the Admissions Office at Meramec.

9. When the above criteria have been met, students must submit a separate PTA program application, signed by an advisor, and returned in person to the Admissions Office at the Meramec campus. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted. See an advisor to obtain PTA Program Application.
1. Describe the reasons why you are interested in becoming a PTA and how you envision utilizing your degree after graduation.

2. The following personal characteristics have been noted to be important for a successful and rewarding career as a PTA: desire to help others; empathy; patience; tact; ability to motivate others; physical strength and stamina; ability to communicate effectively with a variety of people; outgoing personality; dependability; flexibility; optimism; common sense. How do these characteristics describe you?

3. The PTA program is a rigorous academic program. Are you willing/able to commit 2-3 hours of study per week for every credit hour you take in the PTA program?
   
   YES □ / NO □

4. Students who have had to repeat a biology course or students who have not recently taken a full credit load may find that they will need to repeat a PTA course. In the event that a PTA course needs to be repeated, an additional year will be required to complete the curriculum. Will you be able to continue in the event it takes you three years instead of two to complete the program?
   
   YES □ / NO □

5. Do you understand that this is not the first portion of a doctoral degree in Physical Therapy?
   
   YES □ / NO □