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Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Applicant Information

2024-2025

**Application Period Opens:
January 1st to 2nd Friday in June
(Classes begin in August)**

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Program Philosophy

We believe that physical therapy is a valuable and integral part of health care and the PTA functions as an effective member of the health care team. The PTA requires specialized knowledge and skills and works under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist.

The entry level PTA should be able to practice in an ethical, legal, safe and effective manner. We, as educators, accept the responsibility for supplying students with opportunities to learn the necessary information and inform students of clinical practice required for state regulation and entry-level competence in the field.

Education and learning are lifelong processes and should be evidence based. In our role as faculty and health care providers, we must model the processes of creating a learning centered environment to facilitate lifelong learning, adapting, being flexible, and changing as the environment and culture changes in accordance with sound scientific developments in education, instructional delivery methodology, medical science, and physical therapy practice. Likewise, it is the student's responsibility to fully utilize the opportunities provided by this educational program.

The choice of career is a personal decision, and having chosen a particular profession, the individual must assume the profession's inherent responsibilities and adhere to established professional ethics and standards of practice. As students begin the process of becoming PTA's, they must constantly learn and adapt to different situations, patients, treatment techniques, disease processes and other conditions.

PTA Program Mission Statement

The mission of Mohave Community College PTA Program is to be a learning-centered institution to foster the professional and academic development of the PTA program to better serve the students and the community. The Mohave Community College PTA Program will provide an environment for educational excellence for students to become competent and professional Physical Therapist Assistants. Students will become aware of the world of physical therapy as they develop the structured skill set to perform as a Physical Therapist Assistant under the supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The students of the PTA program will develop into safe, competent healthcare practitioners, thus providing a much-needed service to Mohave County, surrounding communities and states.

PTA Program Vision Statement

The Mohave Community College PTA Program strives to be a leader in Physical Therapist Assistant education in order to better serve the community and meet the demands of the healthcare industry.

[Campus Safety](#)

[Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Statement](#)

[Anti-Discrimination Policy Statement](#)

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Mohave Community College. Please review the application form prior to completion. Once you have made your decision to apply to the program, complete all the required steps.

Due to limited number of seats that are available in this program, and the amount of applications that we receive, the applications into the program will only be accepted during the designated application period of January 1st, – May 20th. Twenty (20) students will be selected for admission into the PTA program. See the admission requirements in this packet for more information. Applications will be considered as students apply.

Please note that the curriculum and prerequisites for the program will be revised periodically. It is the applicant's responsibility to remain aware of changes that occur. For additional information, please access one of the resources below:

Program Contact Information

Please contact one of the following individuals or the program website if you have additional questions about the PTA program:

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Frequently Called Numbers

MCC Connect	866-664-2832
LHC Library Group	928-453-5809
PTA Program Office	928-505-3351
PTA Program Fax	928-680-5955

Academic Advising Can Be Reached Toll Free:
MCC Connect - 866-664-2832

Best wishes in you educational and career pursuits.

Sincerely,

Julie Weiss, PTA
Director of Physical Therapist Assistant Program

MCC Admission Process

All students wishing to enter the PTA program with MCC will need to complete the MCC [Admissions Application](#) process, unless they are already current students, prior to applying for the PTA program.

Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission Process

1. The admission procedure for the PTA program
 - a. Application Process to include:
 - i. Completed program application
 - ii. Official high school or college/university transcripts
 - iii. Copy of assessment test results (if taken)
 - iv. TEAS VII examination: A minimum score of 60% or higher is required.
2. Students can apply online. The application is located on the [PTA program](#) webpage.
3. The application process for the PTA program starts in the **beginning of January until all seats are filled.**
4. Students must have completed or passed out of the following **prerequisites** on the assessment test prior to applying to the PTA program:
 - a. [Course Descriptions](#):
 - i. BIO 160 - Anatomy and Physiology of Human Structure and Function **Credits: 4 (PRE-REQUISITE) OR**
 1. BIO 181 - General Biology I (Majors) with Lab **Credits: 4 (PRE-REQUISITE)**
 - ii. TRM 091 - Beginning Algebra **Credits: 4 OR**
 1. MAT 101 - Mathematical Literacy for College Students **Credits: 4 OR**
 2. Appropriate Score on Assessment Test **(PRE-REQUISITE)**
 - iii. TRE 089 - Transitional English **(PRE-REQUISITE)**
 - b. A grade of C or higher is necessary for all general education courses
 - c. Students must also have a prerequisite GPA of 2.7 or higher
5. When all materials have been received from a candidate, items will be reviewed to ensure veracity.
6. Upon verification that the candidate has submitted accurate records, the candidate will be sent a written invitation to the PTA program new student orientation. The PTA program new student orientation is mandatory as the program requirements and expectations are explained thoroughly.
7. Up to 20 students will be selected to enter the current year's PTA program. Additional qualified candidates will be placed on a waiting list. When the PTA program enrollment for any admission start date falls below 20 students (including alternates and remaining applicant pool), it will be under the program director's discretion to select appropriate candidates to fill the class.

Admission Requirements

✓	Use This Checklist to Submit A Completed Application
	1. Complete the MCC Admissions Application (become a student)
	2. Request your Official Transcripts (select Order-Track-Verify button) from all of the previous colleges you attended to be sent to: Mohave Community College 1971 Jagerson Ave. Kingman, AZ 86409 MCC School Code: 011864 Email for incoming transcripts: transcripts@mohave.edu *Please Note – Official transcripts are transcripts sent by your institution directly to MCC. Transcripts are not considered official if they are sent directly to the student and the student sends them to MCC. You do not need to send MCC transcripts.
	3. Students may need to meet with an Academic Advisor for the multiple measure assessment to determine college-level proficiency with reading, writing and math.
	4. Demonstrate a Prerequisite GPA of 2.7 or higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts from other institutions may be considered.
	5. Demonstrates a minimum of C or higher in (PRE-REQUISITE) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIO 160 - Anatomy and Physiology of Human Structure and Function Credits: 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OR: BIO 181 - General Biology I (Majors) with Lab Credits: 4 ○ OR: Equivalent Course
	6. Demonstrates a minimum of C or higher in (PRE-REQUISITE) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TRM 091 - Beginning Algebra Credits: 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OR: MAT 101 - Mathematical Literacy for College Students Credits: 4 ○ OR: Higher Math Course
	7. Schedule an appointment to take the TEAS Entrance Examination (score of 60% or higher required)
	8. Complete the online PTA Program Application

PREREQUISITES	
	BIO 160 - Anatomy and Physiology of Human Structure and Function OR BIO 181 - General Biology I (Majors) with Lab

GENERAL EDUCATION	
	BIO 201 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab
	BIO 202 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab
	PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology
	COM 121 - Interpersonal Communication
	ENG 101 - English Composition I

Please Note – Once a student is accepted to the Physical Therapist Assistant program, they are required to have a PreCheck Background Check and Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card prior to starting the PTA Program.

1. [PreCheck Background Check](#)
2. [Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card](#)
 - a. (Select: Health Science Student & Clinical Assistant) on the application

PTA Program of Study

***NOTE:** Students selected for PTA program must complete BIO 181 (Biology Concepts) or BIO 160 (Anatomy & Physiology of Human Structure & Function) prior to the start of the fall semester. A grade of C or better must be achieved in all general education classes to count toward PTA program.

Program Course Requirements: Year One

Year One - Fall Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
BIO 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG 101	English Composition	3
PTA 101	Survey of Physical Therapy	3
PTA 103	Kinesiology	4
PTA 200	Patient Mobility Techniques	4
Total Credits		18

Year One - Spring Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PTA 202	Physical Therapy Modalities	5
PTA 203	Clinical Pathology	3
PTA 214	Electromodalities	3
PTA 215	Wound Care	1
Total Credits		15

Year One - Summer Term

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
PTA 206	Clinical Practicum I	4
PTA 217	Clinical Neurology	2
Total Credits		6

Program Course Requirements: Year Two

Year Two - Fall Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
COM 121	Interpersonal Communication	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PTA 208	Rehabilitation of Special Populations	5
PTA 210	Orthopedic Physical Therapy	4
PTA 230	Physical Therapy Seminar	3
Total Credits		18

Year Two - Spring Semester

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
PTA 280	Clinical Practicum II	6
PTA 290	Clinical Practicum III	6
Total Credits		12

Total PTA Program Credit Hours – 70

Clinical Needs Check List

Once a student is accepted into the PTA Program, it is the student's responsibility to provide proof of the following clinical practicum requirements listed below to the program office technician by the end of the first semester. Updates must be provided 30 days prior to starting each clinical practicum. This is only a checklist, please do not have the physician sign or stamp this form. **Documentation is required for proof of completion.**

Please Note:

1. A vaccine is a shot given to make you develop immunity for Varicella, Hep B or MMR.
2. A titer is a blood test, to prove that you actually developed that immunity.

If you were vaccinated as a child, it is possible to lose immunity. A titer is recommended to verify that you are still immune to Varicella, Hep B or MMR. If you were not vaccinated, you will need the vaccine.

Date Completed	Clinical Need
	ANNUAL PRECHECK BACKGROUND CHECK – Pre-check form.
	LEVEL 1 FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD – AZ Department of Public Safety. Card is valid for 6 years.
	HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CPR – Must be obtained through either the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, classes offered through Community Outreach program at MCC. CPR is good for 2 years.
	HEALTH INSURANCE – Student's personal health care insurance. You must provide your own health insurance.
	ANNUAL PHYSICAL – Student's healthcare provider. Physical is good for the duration of the program.
	DRUG SCREENING – PTA DEPARTMENT WILL PAY FOR YOUR SCREENING. DO NOT make an appointment for this. A Lab Corp Laboratories form will be issued 30 days prior to clinical placement.
	ANNUAL INFLUENZA VACCINE (FLU SHOT) – The seasonal flu shot protects against three or four influenza viruses. It is required for an Acute Care clinical placement or you must wear a face mask for the duration of the acute care clinical placement.
	ANNUAL TB TEST – Annual TB test is good for 1 year. If you previously tested positive for TB you need a chest x-ray. A chest x-ray is good for two years. Process for TB – An injection from your health care provider followed up with a reading 2-3 days after the injection.
	HEP B OR TITER – (if titer is low or no immunity you will need the HEP B vaccine. Hepatitis B is contracted from blood borne pathogens. HEP B is good for 7 - 10 years. Booster & Titer is recommended after 10 years.
	Three immunization series – All 3 vaccinations must be completed in order to obtain full immunity.
	a. 1st injection of vaccine
	b. 2nd injection is administered 30 days after 1st injection.
	c. 3rd injection administered at the end of the 5th month.
	VARICELLA (chicken pox) OR TITER – (if titer is low or no immunity you will need the Varicella vaccine) this vaccine is good for 10 years.
	MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) OR TITER – (if titer is low or no immunity you will need the MMR vaccine) this vaccine is good for 10 years.
	COVID-19 Vaccine Name:
	a. 1st injection of vaccine or Single Dose Date
	b. 2nd injection of vaccine
CDC Recommendations	Moderna COVID-19 vaccine Get your second shot 4 weeks (or 28 days) after your first
CDC Recommendations	Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine Get your second shot 3 weeks (or 21 days) after your first

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between a Physical Therapist and a Physical Therapist Assistant?
 - a. Physical Therapists (PTs) evaluate patients, determine the plan of care and perform skilled treatments. Physical Therapist Assistants (PTAs) are supervised by the physical therapist. They help the physical therapist by performing selected treatment activities listed in the plan of care.
2. What is physical therapy?
 - a. Physical Therapy (PT) is the art and science of providing care to patients suffering from injury or disease which has resulted in a loss of motion in the joints of the body, a loss of strength in muscles, increased pain, an inability to walk normally, as well as any of several other examples of losses of physical function. Through physical therapy, patients are helped to regain the ability to function at their highest possible level. Patients may include infants, children, adults, and the elderly.
3. Where do PTAs work?
 - a. PTAs work in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, outpatient clinics and sports medicine centers. Work hours are generally during the daytime, Monday through Friday. Weekend work is generally available or required at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.
4. Can I apply to the PTA program if I have a criminal record?
 - a. Licensure is the sole responsibility of the Arizona Physical Therapy Association (AzPTA). If you have been convicted of a felony, contact the AzPTA to verify eligibility to be licensed prior to submitting your application.
5. Do I need to pass an examination to be a PTA?
 - a. To hold the title of Physical Therapist Assistant in Arizona, you must pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for the respective level of education and training. The examination is administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT).
6. How many students will be admitted to the PTA program?
 - a. A new class of 20 students is admitted each August to the traditional day program. The number of students admitted may change depending on employment market conditions and the availability of clinical training sites. There is a selection process and a deadline to submit applications. In the event of a tie in rank, the space will go to the person who submits his or her application the earliest.
7. How long does it take to complete the PTA program?
 - a. 5-semester, 2-year integrated program.
8. Is this PTA program accredited?
 - a. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Mohave Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Julie Weiss at 928-505-3347 or email JUweiss@mohave.edu. You may also contact June Weiss, EdD, MSN, RN at 928-681-5626 or email JWeiss@mohave.edu.
9. Can I work and go to school to become a PTA?
 - a. PTA program applicants are cautioned that the PTA program is a rigorous course of study. The program faculty recommends that work hours be kept to a minimum, but each student must make an individual decision about the number of work hours that he/she can handle while continuing to make acceptable academic progress in the program. The program recommends working no more than 20 hrs/week while enrolled in the PTA Program. The Clinical Education experience requires the student to be available for a 40 hour work week over the course of any days of the week as the student shadows the hours of their clinical instructor.
10. What is the cost of the PTA program?
 - a. [PTA program fees](#)
Out-of-pocket costs will also include, but not limited to, CPR certification, background check, fingerprint clearance card, vaccines, medical clearance, costs for transportation and housing for clinical rotations, health insurance and additional tests required by individual facilities.
11. Is financial aid available for the PTA program?

- a. Financial assistance is available to eligible students in the form of grants, scholarships, employment or loans. You may receive aid from one funding source or aid may be offered in a package from multiple sources. Contact the Financial Aid office located on any of the four campuses or visit their web page for additional information.
12. Are there any special situations I need to be aware of before I apply for the PTA program?
- a. You will be required to complete three clinical education courses during the program. This is a series of work experiences with patients in a variety of off-campus settings, under the supervision of practicing PTAs and PTs. This includes one four-week and two six-week, full-time (40 hours per week) clinical experiences where you must display sufficient skill and competence to enter the field as a practicing PTA. You must be willing and able to organize your time, transportation, and other life responsibilities to complete and benefit fully from your clinical experiences. Working during the clinical education experience is an unrealistic expectation.