



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate **of** Applied Science (A.A.S.) Physical Therapist Assistant – Advising Guide

Physical therapist assistants (PTA) provide direct client care under the supervision of a physical therapist and help improve mobility, relieve pain and prevent or limit permanent physical disabilities due to injury or disease. PTAs work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, sports clinics, rehabilitation centers, extended-care facilities and schools. This program leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree and prepares students to assist physical therapists in treating patients with physical disabilities in various health care settings.

****This program is a selective admissions program and requires prerequisite testing and coursework. Please see an academic advisor to review admission requirements and program timelines. Students who do not transfer 12 or more credit hours to MCC must take HLSC 100.***

Semester 1		
Course	Credits	Action Steps
HLSC 100 (Program Prerequisite)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with academic advisor to build a degree plan in Starfish and discuss admissions requirements.
^ENGL 101 (Program Prerequisite)	3	
BIOL 150 (Program Prerequisite)	2	
BIOL, CHEM, GEOL, or PHYS: any biological or physical science course in these disciplines (Program Prerequisite)	4 - 6	
PTHA 151 (Program Prerequisite)	2	
Total Credits	13 - 15	
Semester 2		
^COMM 100 or ^COMM 102 (Program Prerequisite)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for admission to PTA program Complete the Civics Exam with 70% or higher score
PSYC 140 (Program Prerequisite)	3	
HIST 120, 121, or POLS 136 (General Education Requirement/Civics)	3	
HLSC 108, or ^BIOL 109, or ^BIOL 110, and ^BIOL 210 (Program Requirement)	4 - 10	
Total Credits	13 - 19	
Semester 3		
^PTHA 152 (Program Requirement)	4	
^PTHA 160 (Program Requirement)	2	
Total Credits	6	



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Semester 4		
EMS 100 (Program Requirement)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Career Services to develop a resume
^PTHA 153 (Program Requirement)	4	
^PTHA 154 (Program Requirement)	2	
^PTHA 159 (Program Requirement)	2	
^PTHA 161 (Program Requirement)	4	
^PTHA 162 (Program Requirement)	1	
Total Credits	14	
Semester 5		
^PTHA 155 (Program Requirement)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply for jobs Apply for graduation
^PTHA 158 (Program Requirement)	4	
^PTHA 164 (Program Requirement)	2	
^PTHA 171 (Program Requirement)	2	
^PTHA 170 (Program Requirement)	3	
Total Credits	15	
Semester 6		
^PTHA 272 (Program Requirement)	12	
Total Credits	12	
Credits Required	73*	

**The A.A.S. degree requires a minimum of 73 total credits to graduate. When selecting a course from multiple options, please consider the number of credits for each course to ensure meeting the minimum requirements for graduation.*

This Pathway Map is an advising tool designed for full-time students on this A.A.S. degree and identifies the course taking recommendations for timely degree completion. Please be aware that all pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. Degree requirements and prerequisites information can be found here:

<https://mccckc.edu/programs/physical-therapist-assistant/>

All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interest, and objectives.

^Course requires a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see catalog for additional information.