



Academic & Career **PATHWAYS**

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Physical Therapist Assistant – Full-Time 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.***

*You must be admitted into this program, see website for admission requirements.

Course		Degree Requirements Met	Credits	Action Steps
Semester 1				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLSC 100_Introduction to Health Professions	Program Prerequisite	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan Apply to program
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL 101_Composition & Reading I	Program Prerequisite	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BIOL 150_Medical Terminology	Program Prerequisite	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Science Course with Lab, CORE 42 Approved Choose one	Program Prerequisite	4 - 6	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 151_Introduction to Physical Therapy	Program Prerequisite	2	
Total Semester Credits			13 - 15	
Semester 2				
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM 100_Fundamentals of Speech or COMM 102_Fundamentals of Human Communication Choose one	Program Prerequisite	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Student Success Advisor Complete Civics Exam with 70% or higher
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC 140_General Psychology	Program Prerequisite	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST 120_United States History to 1865 HIST 121_United States History since 1865 or POLS 136_Introduction to U.S. National Politics Choose one	General Education Requirement/Civics	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	HLSC 108_Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professions or BIOL 109_Anatomy and Physiology or BIOL 110_Human Anatomy and BIOL 210_Human Physiology Choose one	Program Requirement	4 - 10	
Total Semester Credits			13 - 19	
Semester 3				
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 152_Physical Therapy Fundamentals I	Program Requirement	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Student

<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 160_ Medical Diseases	Program Requirement	2	Success Advisor
Total Semester Credits			6	
Semester 4				
<input type="checkbox"/>	EMS 100_ Basic Emergency Care	Program Prerequisite	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with Student Success Advisor• Meet with Career Center
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 153_ Kinesiology	Program Prerequisite	4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 154_ Applied Neurology	Program Prerequisite	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 159_ Orthopedic Pathology	Program Prerequisite	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 161_ Physical Therapy Fundamentals II	Program Prerequisite	4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 162_ Clinical Immersion	Program Prerequisite	1	
Total Semester Credits			14	
Semester 5				
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 155_ Rehabilitation	Program Prerequisite	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 158_ Therapeutic Exercise	Program Prerequisite	4	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 164_ Pediatrics and Gerontology	Program Prerequisite	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 171_ Clinical Seminar	Program Prerequisite	2	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 170_ Clinical Education I	Program Prerequisite	3	
Total Semester Credits			15	
Semester 6				
<input type="checkbox"/>	PTHA 272_ Clinical Education II	Program Requirement	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with Student Success Advisor to build degree plan• Apply for Graduation• Apply for jobs
Total Semester Credits			12	
Credits Required for A.A.S. Degree			73*	
The A.A.S in Physical Therapist Assistant 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 and identifies the course recommendations for timely degree completion. All pathway maps can be modified to fit the individual needs of students. All students are encouraged to meet with their success advisor to develop an individualized completion plan that best meets their goals, interests, and objectives. Degree requirements and prerequisite information can be found here: [Physical Assistant](#)

Please note:

- Courses may require a prerequisite or appropriate placement, see the [Academic Catalog](#) for additional information.
- This is a selective admissions program to which students must apply and be admitted. Please see the website for admission requirements.