

**Associate in Applied Science Degree
Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)
Fall 2021 Admission**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE 10/5/20 – DUE 2/1/21
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SPRING
2021 SEMESTER

Program Course Prerequisites: (Must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” by the end of the 2021 Spring semester)

Term Grade
_____ (2) PHT 101, HCP 130, or equivalent – Medical Terminology (Fall 2016 or after)
_____ (3) PHY 100 – Fundamentals of Physics
_____ (5) BIO 152 – Anat. & Phys. (Therapies)
_____ (3) ENG 101 – Rhetoric I (Fall 2016 or after)

Other Program Requirements:

- _____ MAT 093 or MAT 084 (or equivalent) or placement testing into MAT 095 or MAT 085 (test dated 9/1/19 and after) or completion of a higher-level math course.
- _____ 10 hours of observation in any PT setting, **if possible**; observation hour deadline & requirement may be extended or waived for alternative options due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please reach out to Michelle.Herrera@morton.edu with any questions/concerns and/or for details on how to set up an approved alternative plan.
- _____ Two SIGNED and dated letters of recommendation.
- _____ Receipt of official high school or high school equivalency (GED / HiSET / TASC) transcript and all official transcripts for above classes.
- _____ Proof of residency status. Note: Applicants wanting in-district consideration (whether living in-district or working in-district) must submit proof by February 1, 2021.
- _____ All applicants **MUST** attend a PTA information session during the current application cycle & meet with a Healthcare Advisor. Prior year attendance **DOES NOT** count (see PTA application packet for a list of dates).

General Education Program Requirements: (Must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” – admission points will be granted for any of the following courses that are taken up until the end of spring 2021 with the exception of the humanities courses)

The following courses may be completed prior to admission or during the PTA program, however it is highly recommended that they be completed prior to admission. Please note PSY 101 is a pre req of PSY 210 and 215 and cannot be taken concurrently.

- _____ (3) PSY 101 – Introduction to Psychology
- _____ (3) PSY 210 – Child Growth & Development **OR** PSY 215 – Life Span: Survey of Human Development
- _____ (3) ENG 102 – Rhetoric II **OR** SPE 101 – Principles of Public Speaking
- _____ (3) Humanities – (no admission points - see catalog for course selections)

Program Requirements:

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Term	Grade	Term	Grade
_____	(2) PHT 111 – Patient Mgmt. I	_____	(4) PHT 115 – Fundamentals of Kinesiology II
_____	(2) PHT 112 – Principles of Practices I	_____	(2) PHT 117 – Patient Mgmt. II
_____	(2) PHT 113 – Introduction to Disease	_____	(2) PHT 122 – Therapeutic Exercise
_____	(4) PHT 114 – Fundamentals of Kinesiology I	_____	(3) PHT 123 – Systems & Interventions I
_____	(1) PHT 105 – Therapeutic Modalities I	_____	(2) PHT 124 – Intro. to Clinical Education
		_____	(1) PHT 125 – Therapeutic Modalities II
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Term	Grade	Term	Grade
_____	(3) PHT 212 – Systems & Interventions II	_____	(3) PHT 220 – Advanced PT Techniques
_____	(3) PHT 217 – Clinical Internship I	_____	(2) PHT 222 – Seminar in Healthcare Lit.
_____	(2) PHT 218 – Systems & Interventions III	_____	(2) PHT 224 – Principles of Practice II
_____	(2) PHT 219 – Special Populations	_____	(5) PHT 225 – Clinical Internship II

Important Applicant Notes:

- Applicants who have completed ENG 101 more than five years prior to beginning the program may have this requirement waived by placing into ENG 101 on the Morton College English placement exam (dated 9/1/19 and after) or if they have completed ENG 102 during or after the fall 2016 semester.
- A **criminal background check** (requiring a Social Security Number) and a **physical examination** are required for second year clinicals.
- Please see catalog for full course titles and descriptions.
- A minimum grade of 75% is required in **ALL** courses in order to continue in the PTA program. Successful completion of **ALL** clinical affiliations is also required.
- A student may be re-admitted to the program **once**. The student must apply for re-admission and follow the steps outlined in the "PTA Re-admission Policy."
- Clinical affiliations are scheduled during the sophomore academic year. Since approved sites are located in many areas, **students are required to have their own transportation**.
- It is highly recommended that all students interested in the PTA program meet with the healthcare advisor for planning.

NOTE: ONLY APPLICANTS WITH FILES COMPLETED BY 2/1/21 WILL BE NOTIFIED TO SET UP AN INTERVIEW.

NOTE: IF APPLICANTS ARE NOT ALREADY ATTENDING MORTON COLLEGE, THEY MUST FILL OUT A GENERAL "**NEW STUDENT INFORMATION FORM**" ONLINE AT WWW.MORTON.EDU IN ADDITION TO THE PTA APPLICATION! Once the "NEW STUDENT INFORMATION FORM" is submitted, a student ID number will be assigned.

Licensure:

All Morton College PTA graduates must apply for and pass the licensure exam in order to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the state of Illinois. Graduation from the program does not guarantee a passing score on the NPTE for the PTA.

During the final semester, you will be given more information about application for licensure and an examination preparatory course is usually offered to assist in your success. There are instances when the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) may refuse to issue a license. Applicants convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may have difficulty obtaining a license. It is your responsibility to obtain more information on the licensure process and to review the list of potential situations where the IDFPR may refuse to issue a license; you are advised to contact the IDFPR in Springfield, Illinois by phone at (217) 782-0800 or on their website at (www.idfpr.com).

NOTE: Students enrolling in instructional programs with state and/or federal licensure requirements, including residency and employment eligibility requirements, should contact the appropriate regulatory agency prior to enrolling in classes.

Job Market:

Positions can be found throughout the country, especially in large medical centers and in a variety of settings, such as:

- Acute Care Hospitals
- Rehabilitation Centers
- Private Out-Patient Clinics
- Specialty Clinics
- Schools
- Skilled Nursing Facilities