

**Associate in Applied Science Degree
Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)
Fall 2024 Admission**

**APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE 9/26/2023-02/02/2024
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SPRING
2024 SEMESTER**

Program Course Prerequisites: (Must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" by the end of the 2024 Spring semester)

Term	Grade
_____	(2) PHT 101 or equivalent – Medical Terminology (Spring 2019 or after)
_____	(3) PHY 100 – Fundamentals of Physics (Spring 2019 or after)
_____	(5) BIO 152 – Anat. & Phys. (Therapies) (Spring 2019 or after)
_____	(3) ENG 101 – Rhetoric I (Spring 2019 or after)

Other Program Requirements:

- All applicants **MUST** attend a PTA information session during the current application cycle & meet with a Healthcare Advisor. Prior year attendance **DOES NOT** fulfill requirement (see PTA application packet for a list of dates)
- Proof of residency status. Note: Applicants wanting in-district consideration (whether living in-district or working in-district) must submit proof by February 2, 2024.
- Two SIGNED and dated letters of recommendation, signed and dated by the issuer.
- 10 hours of observation **are required**. 20 hours are preferred, 10 inpatient/10outpatient, but 10 is accepted
- MAT 093 (or equivalent) or Accuplacer placement testing into MAT 097 (test dated 9/1/23 and after) or completion of a higher-level math course.
- Turn in official high school or high school equivalency (GED / HiSET / TASC) and college transcripts with coursework through Fall 2023 – due February 2, 2024.
- Turn in official college transcripts of coursework completed Spring 2023 - due May 23, 2024.

Program Requirements:

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 2024 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)

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Term	Grade	
_____	(2)	PHT 111 – Patient Mgmt. I
_____	(2)	PHT 112 – Principles of Practices I
_____	(2)	PHT 113 – Introduction to Disease
_____	(4)	PHT 114 – Fundamentals of Kinesiology I
_____	(1)	PHT 105 – Therapeutic Modalities I

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Term	Grade	
_____	(4)	PHT 115 – Fundamentals of Kinesiology II
_____	(2)	PHT 117 – Patient Mgmt. II
_____	(2)	PHT 122 – Therapeutic Exercise
_____	(3)	PHT 123 – Systems & Interventions I
_____	(2)	PHT 124 – Intro. to Clinical Education
_____	(1)	PHT 125 – Therapeutic Modalities II

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Term	Grade	
_____	(3)	PHT 212 – Systems & Interventions II
_____	(3)	PHT 217 – Clinical Internship I
_____	(2)	PHT 218 – Systems & Interventions III
_____	(2)	PHT 219 – Special Populations

Spring Semester 2026

Term	Grade	
_____	(3)	PHT 220 – Advanced PT Techniques
_____	(2)	PHT 222 – Seminar in Healthcare Lit.
_____	(2)	PHT 224 – Principles of Practice II
_____	(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 9/1/23 and after) or if they have completed ENG 102 during or after the Spring 2019 semester.
- A **criminal background check** (requiring a Social Security Number) **10-panel drug screen** 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.
- Applying and meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into the program. Ultimate selection is determined by the PTA admissions committee.

NOTE: ONLY APPLICANTS WITH FILES COMPLETED BY 2/2/24 WILL BE NOTIFIED TO SET UP AN INTERVIEW.

NOTE: IF APPLICANTS ARE NOT ALREADY ATTENDING MORTON COLLEGE, THEY MUST APPLY TO MORTON COLLEGE BY FIRST COMPLETING 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