

Associate in Applied Science Degree - Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)

Fall 2026 Admission

APPLICATION PERIOD – 9/23/2025 to 1/13/2026

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SPRING 2026 SEMESTER**Program Course Prerequisites:** (Must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” by the end of the Spring 2026 semester)

Term Grade	Course (Credit Hours)
____ ____	PHT 101 (2) or equivalent – Medical Terminology (Fall 2021 or after)
____ ____	BIO 152 (5) – Anat. & Phys. (Therapies) (Fall 2021 or after)
____ ____	PHY 100 (3) – Fundamentals of Physics (Fall 2021 or after)
____ ____	ENG 101 (3) – Rhetoric I (Fall 2021 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 this requirement.
- Proof of residency status. Note: Applicants wanting in-district consideration (whether living in-district or working in-district) must submit proof by **May 21, 2026**.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00
- Submit official high school or high school equivalency (GED / HiSET / TASC) – due **May 21, 2026**.
- Submit official college transcripts including any coursework completed Spring 2025- due **May 21, 2026**
 - Show proof of completion or in-progress status by **January 30, 2026** to be considered for an interview for the PTA program

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 2026 with the exception of the humanities course)

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.

PSY 101 (3) – Introduction to Psychology

PSY 210 (3) – Child Growth & Development or **PSY 215 (3)** – Life Span: Survey of Human Development

ENG 102 (3) – Rhetoric II or **SPE 101 (3)** – Principles of Public Speaking

Humanities (3) – (no admission points - see catalog for course selections)

PTA Program Curriculum**Fall Semester 2026**

PHT 111 (2) – Patient Mgmt. I
 PHT 112 (2) – Principles of Practices I
 PHT 113 (2) – Introduction to Disease
 PHT 114 (4) – Fundamentals of Kinesiology I
 PHT 105 (1) – Therapeutic Modalities I
 ENG 102 (3) Rhetoric II or SPE 101 (3) – Prin. Of Public Speaking

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PHT 212 (3) – Systems & Interventions II
 PHT 217 (3) – Clinical Internship I
 PHT 218 (2) – Systems & Interventions III
 PHT 219 (2) – Special Populations
 PSY 210 (3) Child Growth & Dev. or PSY 215 (3) Life Span

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

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PHT 220 (3) – Advanced PT Techniques
 PHT 222 (2) – Seminar in Healthcare Lit.
 PHT 224 (2) – Principles of Practice II
 PHT 225 (5) – Clinical Internship II

Important Applicant Notes:

- Applicants who have completed Medical Terminology more than five years prior to beginning the program or with credit hours that do not transfer to Morton College may have this requirement waived by passing the PHT 101 placement exam with a “C” or better, by January 30, 2026.
- A **criminal background check** (requiring a Social Security Number) **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 eligible for readmission to the program only **once**, see the readmission policy in the PTA student handbook. Readmission is not guaranteed.
- Clinical affiliations are scheduled during the sophomore academic year. Since approved sites are located in many areas, **students are responsible for their own transportation and any other clinical costs.**
- It is highly recommended that all students interested in the PTA program meet with a Student Success Coach for planning.
- Applying and meeting minimum admission requirements **does not guarantee** admission into the program. Ultimate selection is determined by the PTA Admissions Committee.

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) 785-0800 or on their website at (www.idfpr.ilinois.gov).

NOTE: Students enrolling in instructional programs with State of Illinois 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:

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