

# **Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

## **Admissions Information and Application Procedures**

### **Fall 2022\***



\*Admissions information and application procedures may change from year to year. Be sure you are referencing the most current PTA program admissions booklet.

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

The Prairie State College Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students for a career in the physical therapy field. The program combines general education and physical therapist assistant (PTA) technical courses with off campus clinical education learning experiences. PTA technical courses must be completed in sequence. Students will master skills in data collection and interventions that are within the scope of practice of the PTA and commonly used in different physical therapy settings. Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science degree program may apply to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for licensure as a physical therapist assistant.

Prior to admission into the PTA Program, students must complete all admissions requirements including completing PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy, BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I and ENG 101 Composition I with a grade of C or better.

The Prairie State College PTA program will admit a maximum of 24 students each fall semester. The PTA program admits students using a ranking system. Details of the program ranking process can be found on page 6 of this booklet. Prairie State College does not maintain waiting lists for programs. Applicants who wish to reapply for consideration for the next year must do so by obtaining a new *PTA Program Information and Application* booklet after each deadline and submit a new *PTA Program Intent Form* to the Office of Enrollment Services prior to the application deadline. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be certain that all their materials are current with the most recent application requirements. **The deadline for admission into the Fall 2022 cohort is June 1, 2022.** In the event all seats are not filled at the application deadline, the deadline may be extended until all seats are filled. Information regarding extended deadlines will be published on the PTA program website.

### PTA Program Mission

The Prairie State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program will empower students to develop the entry-level skills required to practice as a PTA in the physical therapy field. The educational foundation will foster critical thinking, skill competence, ethical and moral practice, cultural competence, global societal responsibility, and life-long learning.

### PTA Program Goals & Outcomes

**Goal 1:** Graduates will demonstrate competency in the entry-level skills of a physical therapist assistants.

- 100% of students will receive a grade of “Pass” in PT-299 Clinical Practicum II.
- Graduation rate will be at least 70%.

**Goal 2:** Graduates will successfully pass the required national licensure examination.

- NPTE pass rate will be at least 85%.

**Goal 3:** Students will demonstrate safe, legal, ethical, and culturally competent behaviors consistent with APTA core documents and state practice acts.

- Students will be rated entry-level on criteria of the Clinical Performance Instrument that relate to safe, legal, ethical, and culturally competent behavior upon completion of their terminal clinical experience.

**Goal 4:** The PTA program will promote the health and wellness of society.

- Students will participate in one health and wellness activity prior to graduation.

**Goal 5:** The PTA program will reflect contemporary practice for the field of physical therapy.

- Faculty will participate in one faculty development activity related contemporary practice in the area they teach annually.
- Curriculum will be consistent with CAPTE accreditation standards and elements and FSBPT licensure exam content.

**Goal 6:** The PTA program will promote the importance of lifelong learning.

- The PTA Program will host one continuing education course per year for program alumni.

### About the PTA Program Curriculum

The PTA program begins each Fall semester and takes 5 semesters to complete. The program is a blended program with the majority of lecture content being presented online while the majority of labs and skill assessments will occur on campus at designated times. It is highly recommended that students admitted into the PTA program have daily access to a computer and internet. PTA technical courses (courses that have the prefix “PTA”) must be completed in sequence. Students will complete off campus clinical education learning experiences at physical therapy facilities in the greater Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana areas. Students are responsible for all costs associated with these clinical experiences which will include transportation, health physical, drug screening and criminal background check. Cost may also include a uniform if specified by a clinical site.

### PTA Program Course Requirements & Costs

**In-District Residents and Companies:** \$143.50 tuition + \$30.50 fee = \$174 per credit hour

**Out-of-District Residents:** \$358.75 tuition + \$30.50 fee = \$389.25 per credit hour

**Out-of-State/International Students:** \$430.50 tuition + \$30.50 fee = \$461.00 per credit hour

NOTE: Tuition and Fees are subject to change each year

(All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher)				Tuition & Fee below are based on in-district rates
Pre-Admission			Tuition*	Fees
Course	Course Title	Credit		
BIO 221	Anatomy & Physiology I (required gen ed)	4	\$696	
ENG 101	Composition I (required gen ed)	3	\$522	
PTA 100	Introduction to Physical Therapy (required PTA technical course)	1	\$174	\$20 internet course fee
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$1392</b>	<b>\$20 internet course fee</b>
<b>First Year</b>				
<b>Fall Semester (Semester 1)</b>				
Course	Course Title	Credit		
BIO 222	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	\$696	
PTA 102	Introduction to PT Skills	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 103	Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$2088</b>	<b>\$655 Healthcare Course Fees, \$150 lab fee, \$40 internet course fees</b>

<b>Spring Semester (Semester 2)</b>				
<b>Course</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit</b>		
COMM 101	Principles of Communication	3	\$522	
PSYCH 102	Human Growth & Development	3	\$522	
PTA 110	Conditions, Diseases and Disorders	3	\$522	\$225 Healthcare Course Fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 120	Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 130	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection I	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$2858</b>	<b>\$825 Healthcare Course Fees, \$150 lab fee, \$60 internet course fee</b>
<b>Summer Semester (Semester 3)</b>				
PTA 150	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection II	3	\$522	\$225 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 170	Clinical Experience Prep for Physical Therapist Assistant Students	5	\$870	\$375 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
	Humanities Course	3	\$522	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$1914</b>	<b>\$600 Healthcare Course Fees, \$150 lab fee, \$40 internet course fee</b>
<b>Second Year</b>				
<b>Fall Semester (Semester 4)</b>				
PTA 200	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection III	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 210	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection IV	3	\$522	\$225 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 220	Contemporary Topics in Physical Therapy	2	\$348	\$150 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 230	Physical Agents	4	\$696	\$300 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$2262</b>	<b>\$975 Healthcare Course Fees, \$300 lab fee, \$80 internet course fee</b>
<b>Spring Semester (Semester 5)</b>				
PTA 270	Career Prep for the Physical Therapist Assistant Student	2	\$348	\$150 Healthcare Course Fee, \$20 internet course fee
PTA 297	Clinical Practicum I	6	\$1044	\$450 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee
PTA 299	Clinical Practicum II	5	\$870	\$375 Healthcare Course Fee, \$75 lab fee
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$2262</b>	<b>\$975 Healthcare Course Fees, \$150 lab fee, \$20 internet course fee</b>
	<b>Program Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$12,776*</b>	<b>\$4050 Healthcare Course Fees, \$900 lab fees, \$260 internet course fee</b>

**\*Calculated on in-district tuition rate.** For additional information on PSC Tuition & Fees go to <https://prairiestate.edu/apply-reg-pay/tuition-and-fees/index.aspx>

**Additional PTA Program Costs:**

Approximate cost of texts & PTA equipment bag	\$1500
Castle Branch Compliance Tracker, Drug Test, Background Check**	\$105
Physical Exam and Immunizations**	\$200

\*\* Drug Test, Background Check & Physical Exam and Immunizations are completed in the second semester of the program. Cost for physical exam and immunization can vary considerably depending on healthcare coverage. All costs are at the student’s expense.

All costs associated with off campus learning experiences are at the student’s expense. Cost may include but are not limited to travel to/from a clinical facility, additional immunizations or criminal background check requested by a clinical facility and/or a uniform if required by a clinical facility.

**PTA Program Accreditation**

Effective July 13, 2021, the Physical Therapist (PTA) program at Prairie State College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; phone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org). If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Carol Fawcett PTA, BS, MEd at 708-709-3592 or email [cfawcett@prairiestate.edu](mailto:cfawcett@prairiestate.edu).

Candidate for Accreditation is an accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status does not assure that the program will be granted Initial Accreditation.

**Career Opportunities for PTA Program Graduates**

Physical therapist assistants provide health care services to patients of all ages and health conditions in a variety of settings, including the following: outpatient facilities, hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing, extended care or subacute facilities, home health, schools, hospice care, industrial, workplace, or other occupational environments, fitness centers and sports training facilities.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapist assistants is projected to grow 33 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. About 15,100 openings for physical therapist assistants on average, over the decade. According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security, the profession of physical therapist assistant is projected to grow 10.22% from 2018-2028 in Illinois. Data from the Local Workforce Investment Area provided by the Illinois Department of Employment Security indicates this profession to have a 21.2% growth in Cook County and 19.7% growth in Will County from 2016-2026.

## PTA Program Application Information and Requirements

### Application Procedure:

Items 1 through 5 must be completed by June 1, 2022\*.

1. If not already a Prairie State College student, complete and submit a PSC Admissions Application either online ([prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu)) or in person in Enrollment Services. **Application deadline is June 1, 2022 or until all seats are filled after that date.**
2. **Official high school transcripts (with graduation date) and all official college transcripts must be submitted to Prairie State College by June 1, 2022.** When submitting official transcripts, a Transcript Evaluation Request Form must also be submitted. If you submit multiple transcripts from the same school (an update to your previous transcript), please be sure to submit another evaluation request. Updated transcripts are not automatically evaluated
3. **Skills Prerequisites** - All requirements must be met with grades of "C" or better. The most recent methods of fulfilling these requirements will be counted.
  - a. Math requirement: Successful completion of PSC's MATH 090 or equivalent; **or** PSC's Assessment Exam placement score at MATH 095 level or higher or SAT 460+ **or** multiple measures (if applicable)
  - b. English requirement: Successful completion of PSC's ENG 099 or equivalent; **or** PSC's Assessment Exam placement score at ENG 101 level; **or** SAT 480+; **or** ACT Reading 22+ AND English 17+ (SAT/ACT scores from within last 3 years) **or** multiple measures (if applicable)
4. Complete BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology I, ENG 101 Composition I, and PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy **BEFORE the application deadline of June 1, 2022** with a grade of "C" or better. **BIOL 221 must be completed within the last five (5) years. A comparable biology at another institution will be considered after review of the curriculum. Students who wish to transfer Anatomy and Physiology credits can only do so if both semesters have been successfully completed at the same institution.**
5. In-district applicants are awarded 2 additional ranking points however proof of residency must be provided to the selective admission specialist by **June 1, 2022** even if the applicant is an enrolled student at Prairie State College. Providing proof of residency for in-district students is optional. The applicant must live in the Prairie State College district at least 90 days prior to the application deadline date. **It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate residency status by submitting two (2) proofs of residency.** The following documents may be presented to verify residency and must be in the student's name: voter's registration card, property tax statement, income tax return, mortgage or mortgage statement, utility bills (gas and electric), bank statements, cell phone bill, medical billing statement, and car insurance statement. Proof of residency must list the same address, and they must match the address shown on the student's PSC records. If seats in the program are limited and students are otherwise equally qualified, preference will be given to in-district students. The applicant must provide current proof of residency every year they apply to the program. Proof of residency can be submitted to Arthur Horton in Enrollment Services at [ahorton6@prairiestate.edu](mailto:ahorton6@prairiestate.edu). Please be sure to include your name and the program you are applying to.

6. Submit the *PTA Program Intent Form* available on the PTA program website or from the PTA program Selective Admission Specialist to Enrollment Services by **June 1, 2022**.

**An *PTA Program Intent Form* SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED until the PSC placement test is completed and test scores are available in Enrollment Services, and all required developmental course work is completed or all official college transcripts showing completed levels of English, math, and reading have been submitted. No hard copy or paper intent forms will be accepted.**

**In submitting your *PTA Program Intent Form*, you are acknowledging that you have thoroughly reviewed the "Prairie State College PTA Application and Admissions Procedures" contained in this booklet and understand all of the admission requirements, as well as responsibilities which I must meet to be considered for admission to the PSC PTA Program.**

Please go to [prairiestate.edu/selectiveadmissions](https://prairiestate.edu/selectiveadmissions), and click on the link for PTA under *Admissions Intent Forms*. You will be directed to the application portal. You will need to "sign up" if you have never used the application portal before.

Upon completion of the above steps, an evaluation of the applicant's records will be emailed to the student's Prairie State email approximately two to three weeks after submitting a program *PTA Program Intent Form*. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Enrollment Services Office if they have not received correspondence within 3 weeks of the application deadline. It is also the applicant's responsibility to notify the selective admission specialist of any change in address and/or phone number. Please retain the evaluation received for future reference as it will serve as proof of submission.

### **Ranking of Applicants**

Applicants are ranked based on points awarded for prerequisite courses completed, general education courses completed before admission into the PTA program and residency in the Prairie State College, Illinois Community College District 515. A list of communities within District 515 can be found at <https://prairiestate.edu/about-us/index.aspx>. All courses in the ranking system must reflect a grade of "C" or better for admission into the PTA program. **One additional point will be given for each course completed at Prairie State College with a grade of "C" or better.** See page 13 for a copy of the *Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS Ranking Form*.

Applicants accepted into the program will receive notification via email that decision letters are available for viewing in the application portal. Notification will include time sensitive information on next steps in the acceptance process including but not limited to accepting the seat in the program and the date, time, and location of a mandatory program orientation. **It is the applicant's responsibility to check their email periodically for information related to their application and information submission. It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Enrollment Services Office of any change in address, phone, or email address during the admissions process.**



## “Next Steps” for Accepted Students Accepted into the PTA Program

### 1. Accept Seat

All accepted applicants are required to accept their seat in the application portal indicating they plan to begin the program as scheduled by the given deadline.

### 2. Mandatory Orientation

All accepted applicants are **required** to attend the mandatory orientation session. The date, time and location of the orientation session will be included in the acceptance letter. Failure to attend without contacting the PTA program coordinator will result in forfeiture of your seat in the PTA program.

### 2. Registration for PTA Technical Courses

Accepted applicants will be eligible to register for first semester PTA Technical Courses after attending the mandatory PTA orientation session.

### Prairie State College’s Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Statement

Prairie State College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, age, gender, disability, ancestry, marital status, military discharge status, national origin, veteran status, sex, sexual orientation, or other non-merit factors in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies in conformance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Illinois Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act, and relevant sections of the Illinois Human Rights Act. This policy complies with the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Violence Against Women Act, which mandate procedures to address sexual violence.

### Essential Skills of The PTA And PTA Student

Physical therapist assistants perform a variety of tasks. Under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist, they provide part of a patient’s treatment. To safely and competently perform their required job tasks PTAs and SPTAs must be able to perform the following essential skills:

Essential Skills and Abilities	Description
<b>Physical Strength, Endurance &amp; Motor Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ability to push/pull and lift objects more than 50-100 pounds</li> <li>● Perform patient care for 8-12 hours; including stand for prolonged periods of time</li> <li>● Ability to safely bend, twist, and lift to assist a patient moving from one surface to another.</li> <li>● Ability to participate in all aspects of therapeutic interventions.</li> <li>● Ability to perform chest compressions necessary for CPR.</li> <li>● Possess the coordination, balance, and strength to safely guard and protect a patient during all related physical therapy interventions.</li> <li>● Possess the agility to move quickly to ensure patient safety.</li> <li>● Possess manual dexterity to safely grasp, manipulate small objects and dials, feel pulse, muscle tone, bony landmarks and to hold and use a writing instrument for documentation.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing in English.</li> <li>● Ability to read and understand technical and professional materials.</li> <li>● Ability to demonstrate sensitivity, confidentiality and respect when speaking with patients, peers, faculty, and staff.</li> </ul>



<b>Hearing and Visual Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Normal or corrected visual acuity sufficient to observe a patient’s response to treatment interventions, read or set parameters on physical therapy equipment, observe, and assess the environment, gather information from medical records and professional literature.</li> <li>● Ability to hear and respond to monitors, calls for assistance, alert systems, and verbal directions.</li> </ul>
<b>Intellectual, Conceptual and Cognitive Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ability to concentrate on moderate to fine detail with frequent interruption.</li> <li>● Ability to attend to multiple functions and patients often for an extended period of time.</li> <li>● Critical thinking and problem-solving ability sufficient for clinical judgement.</li> <li>● Ability to select and use technical principles, ideas, and theories in a problem-solving situation and adjust procedures accordingly.</li> <li>● Ability to work independently and as a team</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Attitude and Demeanor</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Emotional and mental health necessary to effectively apply knowledge and exercise appropriate judgment.</li> <li>● Ability to demonstrate flexibility and adaptability.</li> <li>● Ability to practice legal, moral, and ethical behavior and accountability.</li> <li>● Ability to self-evaluate.</li> <li>● Ability to accept feedback and constructive criticism.</li> <li>● Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously.</li> <li>● Ability to interact effectively with patients, families, supervisors, and co-workers regardless of their race, sex, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, or disability.</li> <li>● Ability to portray professional behavior in all areas, including professional presentation, academic and professional responsibility, and commitment to learning.</li> <li>● Ability to recognize and respond appropriately to potentially emergent situations.</li> </ul>

Applicants must be able to perform all the essential skills described above. If you are unable to perform any of the skills listed, you should speak to the program coordinator to determine if reasonable accommodations can be made for on-campus course activities and activities performed during clinical experiences.

### **Required PTA Program Participation**

The academic portion of the PTA program is the beginning of professional training for students desiring to enter the field of physical therapy. As part of their learning experience, PTA students are expected to fully participate in all laboratory activities related to PTA course work and will be required to participate in role playing activities/patient simulation in classroom and lab settings where they will be expected to play the role of both the therapist and the patient.

### **Off Campus Learning Experiences**

As a requirement of the PTA program curriculum, enrolled students will complete 600 hours of off campus learning experiences at facilities that offer physical therapy services. As a requirement to participate in off-campus learning experiences, all PTA Students must complete a drug screening, criminal background check and health physical with evidence of updated immunizations. All costs associated with off campus learning experiences are the student’s responsibility.

### **Criminal Background Check**

If a student's criminal background check presents a positive personal history a student may not be allowed to participate in required off campus clinical experiences and thus may need to withdraw from the PTA program. Please note, some facilities may require an additional criminal background check. Cost of all criminal background checks will be at the student's expense.

Disqualifying offenses defined in Section 955.160 of the Health Care Worker Background Check Act is can be found at <http://www.idph.state.il.us/nar/disconvictions.htm>. If the student believes that the information is in error, they may obtain a fingerprint background check, at his/her own expense, to refute or confirm the initial findings.

Felony convictions may adversely affect their ability to sit for the NPTE licensure exam and/or the ability to be hired as a licensed physical therapist assistant. It is recommended students review licensure requirements in the state they plan to seek licensure. Information on individual state licensing requirements can be found at <https://www.fsbpt.org/Secondary-Pages/Exam-Candidates/Applying-for-State-License>.

### **Drug Screening**

All students must successfully pass a drug screening through CastleBranch as a condition for participation in an off-campus learning experience. Authorization for the drug screen shall be furnished by the student and the student shall be responsible for the required fees. The drug screening must be ordered through CastleBranch, available locations to do the screening will be listed through CastleBranch. The student must complete the drug screening at one of those locations. The results are provided from the testing site to CastleBranch for documentation. *In the event of a positive drug screen (not cleared by your healthcare provider), you will not be eligible for participation in off campus learning experience and may have to withdraw from the program.* If the initial drug screen is positive, the student may refute the positive results (legally prescribed substances only) and at the student's expense, complete a more extensive drug test.

Following the initial drug screen students may be subject to random drug screening for reasonable suspicion, at the request of an off campus clinical facility or if the student has been out of the program longer than one year. If a random drug screen is positive without documentation of medical necessity, or a student refuses to complete a random drug screen, the student will not be allowed to continue in the program. If a second drug screen is positive without documented medical necessity or the student refuses to complete a second drug screen, the student will be dismissed from the program without opportunity for reentering. Any student who fails a urine drug screen or refuses to complete a urine drug screen will be referred to counseling for follow-up.

### **Physical Examination**

All students must complete a physical examination and demonstrate proof of immunizations and/or immunity as a condition for participation in an off-campus learning experience.

The physical examination must include the following:

- A complete physical that verifies the student can perform all essential skills of a PTA described on pages 7-8 of this booklet.
- Evidence of completion of Hepatitis B immunization (series of three vaccines) or a signed waiver. If unable to verify the dates of the 3 vaccines, Hepatitis antibody titer to assess for immune status can be ordered by the provider. This titer should be at least 1-2 months after the Hepatitis vaccine dose #3.
- Rubella Titer

- Mumps Titer
- QuantiFERON-TB Gold blood test (QFT-G) completed within 12 months of the start of the off-campus learning experience
- Rubeola (Measles) Titer
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) Titer
- Tetanus (if not updated in last 10 years)
- Flu vaccine

NOTE: Although not required of the PTA program, healthcare facilities may also require a proof of a COVID vaccine and/or testing.

PSC recognizes that some individuals may not have been vaccinated for a variety of reasons. It is the sole discretion of a clinical site to accept a student who does not provide evidence of vaccinations or proof of immunity. The program will not guarantee an alternate placement if a student is rejected from a clinical site. If a student is rejected from a clinical site due to not having the required vaccinations or proof of immunity the student may be required to withdraw from the program.

### **Request for Accommodations**

An applicant must self-disclose any disability and the need for special accommodations.

Prairie State College (PSC) is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for enrolled or admitted students with documented disabilities. The Office of Disability Services seeks to maintain academic standards while providing equal access and support services to students who are able to benefit from courses offered by the college, have the commitment to succeed, and have a documented disability.

Reasonable accommodations are determined on an individual case by case basis to meet the needs presented by the student's disability. Students must submit documentation before accommodations can be provided.

For more information on disability services available at PSC go to <https://prairiestate.edu/student-services/disability-services.aspx>

### **Degree Earned Upon Completion**

Upon completion of the Prairie State College Physical Therapist Assistant program the graduate will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Physical Therapist Assistant degree.

### **Professional Licensure**

Graduates of the Prairie State College Physical Therapist Assistant program will be eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) to practice as physical therapist assistants in states where licensure is required, Illinois included. Licensure in the state of Illinois is controlled by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, 320 West Washington St., Springfield, IL 62786, (217) 785-0800 or (217) 782-8556; [www.idfpr.com](http://www.idfpr.com).

It is each student's responsibility to determine whether he/she is eligible for licensure in a specific state. Graduation from this program does not guarantee a passing score on the NPTE for PTA. Please note that each jurisdiction reviews each licensure applicant and may refuse licensure to applicants with past criminal convictions.



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## Physical Therapist Assistant Admission Checklist

**Name:**

**Student ID Number:**

Complete Prairie State College Applications

Yes

No

High School Transcripts on File

Yes

No

College Transcripts on File (if any)

Yes

No

\*Students are required to take the Placement Assessment Test for transfer programs and for correct placement in prerequisite programs, or bring in ACT or SAT scores that are within the past five years. The Placement Assessment Test determines your placement in English, math, and reading. No appointment necessary. Contact the testing center for times at (708) 709-3558, or visit [Placement Assessment Testing and Placement online](#).

SKILLS PREREQUISITES			
Must Be Completed Prior to June 1, 2022 deadline.			
Academic Area	Requirement	Date	Method
English	Placement in PSC's ENG101 or successful completion of PSC's ENG 099.		
Mathematics	Placement into PSC's MATH 095 or higher or successful completion of PSC's MATH 090.		
Reading	Placement in PSC's ENG 101 or successful completion of PSC's ENG 099.		

PREREQUISITE COURSES	
All Courses Must Be Completed Prior to June 1, 2022 deadline.	
Prerequisite Courses	Date Completed
BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I*	
ENG 101 Composition I	
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	

**\*BIO 221 must be completed within the past five years.**

### Proof of Residency

In-district applicants are awarded 2 additional ranking points however proof of residency must be provided to the enrollment specialist PRIOR to the **June 1, 2022 deadline**.

Yes

No

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## Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS Applicant Ranking Form

**Applicant Name:**

**Student ID #:**

All courses in the ranking system must reflect a grade of “C” or better for admission into the PTA program. **One additional point will be given for each course completed at Prairie State College with a grade of “C” or better.**

Points for courses completed are assigned as follows:

Grade	Grade Points	Points for 4 Credit Hour Course	Points for 3 Credit Hour Course	Points for 2 Credit Hour Course
A	4	4x4=16	3x4=12	2x4=8
B	3	3x4=12	3x3=9	2x3=6
C	2	3x4=8	3x2=6	2x2=4

### PART A: Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite Courses	Credit	Grade	Points	PSC Point
BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I	4			
ENG 101 Composition I	3			
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	1			
<b>Total Points</b>				

### PART B: General Education Courses

**General Education Courses That Count Towards the Degree Completed Prior to Beginning Admission**

Courses	Credit	Grade	Points	PSC Point
BIO 222 Anatomy & Physiology II	4			
COM 101 Principles of Communication	3			
PSYCH 102 Human Growth & Development	3			
Humanities	3			
<b>Total Points</b>				

**BIO 221 & 222 must be completed at the same institution and completed within the past five years.**

### Part C: Proof of Residency

In-district applicants are awarded 2 additional ranking points however proof of residency must be provided to the enrollment specialist PRIOR to the **June 1, 2022** deadline.

In-district applicants who meet the minimum acceptance score will be seated before out of district students. The applicant must live in the Prairie State College district at least 90 days prior to the application deadline date. It is the applicant's responsibility to demonstrate residency status by submitting two (2) proofs of residency. The following documents may be presented to

verify residency and must be in the student's name: voter's registration card, property tax statement, income tax return, mortgage or mortgage statement, utility bills (gas and electric), and bank statements. All documents provided to show proof of residency must list the same address, and they must match the address shown on the student records in the Enrollment Services Office. Documents must be submitted by the application deadline date. If seats are limited and students are otherwise equally qualified, preference will be given to in-district students.

**RANKING**

	Points
Part A	
Part B	
Part C	
Total Points	

In-District     Out of District

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**Evaluator Signature**

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**Date**