

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Admissions Information and Application Procedures

Fall 2024*



*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. In the event there are more than 24 applicants, the PTA program will use a ranking system. Details of the program ranking process can be found on page 14 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 cohort each year is June 1. The program may consider applicants who have submitted program intent forms by June 1 if all seats are not filled in the program. Those being considered after the June 1 deadline must complete prerequisite courses prior to the start of the first semester of the PTA program. Students are encouraged to submit their program intent form as soon as they begin taking prerequisite courses. See additional information on page 14 regarding provisional acceptance into the program after June 1.**

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 to 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.

PTA Program Course Requirements

Pre-Admission		
Course	Course Title	Credit
BIO 221	Anatomy & Physiology I (required gen ed)	4
ENG 101	Composition I (required gen ed)	3
PTA 100	Introduction to Physical Therapy (required PTA technical course)	1
	Total	8
First Year		
Fall Semester (Semester 1)		
Course	Course Title	Credit
BIO 222	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PTA 102	Introduction to PT Skills	4
PTA 103	Kinesiology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	4
	Total	12

Spring Semester (Semester 2)		
COMM 101	Principles of Communication	3
PSYCH 102	Human Growth & Development	3
PTA 110	Conditions, Diseases and Disorders	3
PTA 120	Introduction to Therapeutic Exercise	4
PTA 130	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection I	4
	Total	17
Summer Semester (Semester 3)		
PTA 150	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection II	3
PTA 170	Clinical Experience Prep for Physical Therapist Assistant Students	5
	Humanities Course	3
	Total	11
Second Year		
Fall Semester (Semester 4)		
PTA 200	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection III	4
PTA 210	Therapeutic Interventions & Data Collection IV	3
PTA 220	Contemporary Topics in Physical Therapy	2
PTA 230	Physical Agents	4
	Total	13
Spring Semester (Semester 5)		
PTA 270	Career Prep for the Physical Therapist Assistant Student	2
PTA 297	Clinical Practicum I	6
PTA 299	Clinical Practicum II	5
	Total	13
	Program Total	74

**PTA Program Costs
Tuition**

Tuition	# of credit hours	In-District	Out of District	Out of State/ International
Cost per credit hour		\$143.50	\$358.75	\$461
Year 1				
Fall	12	\$1722	\$4305	\$5532
Spring	17	\$2439.5	\$6098.75	\$7837
Summer	11	\$1578.5	\$3946.25	\$5071
Year 1 Total	40	\$5740	\$14,350	\$18,440
Year 2				
Fall	13	\$1865.5	\$4663.75	\$5993
Spring	13	\$1865.5	\$4663.75	\$5993
Year 2 Total	26	\$3731	\$9327.50	\$11,986
Program Total		\$9471	\$23,677.50	\$30,426

Institutional Fees

Fees	General	Athletic Fee	Educational Fund Fee	Extra-curricular Fee	Technology Fee	Student Activity/ Service Fee	Infrastructure Fee	Healthcare Course Fee	Internet Course Fee	TOTAL
Cost per credit hour	\$30.50	\$4	\$2	\$0.25	\$15	\$0.25	\$9	\$75	\$20	\$156
Year 1										
Fall	\$366	\$48	\$24	\$3	\$180	\$3	\$108	\$600	\$40	\$1372
Spring	\$518.5	\$68	\$34	\$4.25	\$255	\$4.25	\$153	\$825	\$60	\$1922
Summer	\$335.5	\$44	\$22	\$2.75	\$165	\$2.75	\$99	\$600	\$40	\$1311
Year 1 Total	\$1220	\$160	\$80	\$10	\$600	\$10	\$360	\$2025	\$140	\$4605
Year 2										
Fall	\$396.5	\$52	\$26	\$10.25	\$195	\$10.25	\$117	\$975	\$80	\$1862
Spring	\$396.5	\$52	\$26	\$10.25	\$195	\$10.25	\$117	\$975	\$20	\$1802
Year 2 Total	\$793	\$104	\$52	\$20.5	\$390	\$20.5	\$234	\$1950	\$100	\$3664
Total Fees	\$2013	\$264	\$132	\$30.5	\$990	\$30.5	\$594	\$3975	\$240	\$8269

Additional PTA Program Costs

Approximate cost of texts & PTA equipment bag	\$1500
Castle Branch Compliance Tracker, Drug Test, Background Check**	\$128 (price subject to change)
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. Costs 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

The Physical Therapist Assistant at Prairie State College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706- 3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please Carol Fawcett PTA, BS, MEd at 708-709-3592 or email cfawcett@prairiestate.edu.

Career Opportunities for PTA Program Graduates

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of physical therapist assistants is projected to grow 24% from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average for all occupations. About 23,800 openings for physical therapist assistants on average, over the decade. According to the Illinois Career Information System, employment of physical therapist assistants is expected to increase much faster than average through 2024 in Illinois. About 193 job openings are anticipated each year. Physical therapist assistants is one of the top 10 fastest growing occupations in Illinois. The profession of physical therapist assistant is projected to grow 10.22% from 2019-2029 in Illinois. Data from the Local Workforce Investment Area provided by the Illinois Department of Employment Security indicates this profession to have a 11.2% growth in Cook County and 22.2% growth in Will County from 2017-2027. In Cook and Will counties, physical therapist assistants earn a median wage of \$66,000 per year.

Essential Skills of The PTA And PTA Student

Physical therapist assistants perform a variety of tasks. Under the direction and supervision of physical therapists, they provide part of a patient’s treatment. In order 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
Physical Strength, Endurance & Motor Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ability to push/pull and lift objects more than 50-100 pounds ● Perform patient care for 8-12 hours; including stand for prolonged periods of time ● Ability to safely bend, twist, and lift to assist a patient moving from one surface to another. ● Ability to participate in all aspects of therapeutic interventions. ● Ability to perform chest compressions necessary for CPR. ● Possess the coordination, balance, and strength to safely guard and protect a patient during all related physical therapy interventions. ● Possess the agility to move quickly to ensure patient safety. ● 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.
Communication Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing in English. ● Ability to read and understand technical and professional materials. ● Ability to demonstrate sensitivity, confidentiality and respect when speaking with patients, peers, faculty, and staff.
Hearing and Visual Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. ● Ability to hear and respond to monitors, calls for assistance, alert systems, and verbal directions.
Intellectual, Conceptual and Cognitive Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ability to concentrate on moderate to fine detail with frequent interruption. ● Ability to attend to multiple functions and patients often for an extended period of time. ● Critical thinking and problem-solving ability sufficient for clinical judgment. ● Ability to select and use technical principles, ideas, and theories in a problem-solving situation and adjust procedures accordingly. ● Ability to work independently and as a team
Professional Attitude and Demeanor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emotional and mental health necessary to effectively apply knowledge and exercise appropriate judgment. ● Ability to demonstrate flexibility and adaptability. ● Ability to practice legal, moral, and ethical behavior and accountability. ● Ability to self-evaluate. ● Ability to accept feedback and constructive criticism. ● Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks simultaneously. ● 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. ● Ability to portray professional behavior in all areas, including professional presentation, academic and professional responsibility, and commitment to learning. ● Ability to recognize and respond appropriately to potentially emergent situations.

Applicants must be able to perform all the essential skills described above for program lab activities and during all off campus clinical experiences. If you are unable to perform any of the skills listed, you should speak to the program coordinator to determine if reasonable accommodation 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. As part of the PTA program lab activities students will be expected to touch other students and allow other students to touch them. On occasion skin may need to be exposed. Students are all expected to wear appropriate lab clothes to participate in some lab activities. This may include shorts and tank tops. All lab activities are supervised by faculty and conducted in a professional manner.

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 or immunity through blood titers.

All costs associated with off campus learning experiences are the student's responsibility. Failure to complete criminal background check, drug screening and all aspects of the physical exam by the designated deadline provided by the program may result in the student being ineligible to progress to the PTA 170 Clinical Experience Prep for Physical Therapist Assistant Students offered in the summer semester and dismissal from the program.

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. The 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 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 in 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
- Covid vaccine and booster vaccines

NOTE: Although not required of the PTA program, healthcare facilities may also require a proof of a COVID and Flu vaccines.

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.

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.

PTA Program Application Information and Requirements

Application Procedure:

Items 1 through 6 must be completed by June 1 of application year

- If not already a Prairie State College student, complete and submit a PSC Admissions Application either online (prairiestate.edu) or in person in Enrollment Services. **Application deadline is June 1.** Students completing prerequisite courses in the summer term preceding admission may be considered for admission if all seats in the program are not filled on June 1.
- **Official high school transcripts (with graduation date) and all official college transcripts must be submitted to Prairie State College by June 1.** 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. **Official transcripts must be sent directly to PSC from your previous school. Your previous school can send transcripts electronically to ptranscripts@prairiestate.edu.**
- **Skills Prerequisites**
 - Math requirement: Placement in PSC's MATH 094 or higher or successful completion of PSC's MATH 091 or MATH 093 or equivalent SAT MATH: 460+ or ACT MATH 19+
 - English requirement: Completion ENG 101 Composition I with a grade of C or better
- Complete BIOL 221 Anatomy & Physiology I, ENG 101 Composition I, and PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy **BEFORE the application deadline of June 1** 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.**
- **Points for In-district Applicants:** If the program ranking process for admissions is implemented due to having more than 24 qualified applicants, students living in the PSC district are eligible for 2 additional ranking points. Points will be awarded if proof of residency is provided to the selective admission specialist by **June 1** 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 Enrollment Services at pscselectiveadmission@prairiestate.edu. **Please be sure to include your name and the program you are applying to.**

- 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**.

A *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 you must meet to be considered for admission to the PSC PTA Program.

Please go to prairiestate.edu/selectiveadmissions, and click on Apply Now under *Program Applications*. 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 steps 1-6, an evaluation of the applicant's records will be emailed to their PSC student 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.

Provisional Program Acceptance

The program may consider applicants who have submitted program intent forms by June 1 if all seats are not filled in the program. In the event one or more students who are notified of being accepted into the PTA program do not accept their seat, register for PTA classes and/or attend the mandatory program orientation, the vacancies will be filled from the remaining qualified applicant pool. Those in the remaining applicant pool will be ranked using the program ranking form found on page 14 of the PTA admissions booklet. Those being considered after the June 1 deadline must complete prerequisite courses prior to the start of the first semester of the PTA program.

Ranking of Applicants

In the event there are more than 24 qualified program intent forms submitted, applicants will be 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 14 for a copy of the *Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS Ranking Form*.

Notification of Acceptance

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.



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 deadline.			
Academic Area	Requirement	Date	Method
English*	Completion of ENG 101 Composition I with a grade of C or better		
Mathematics	Placement into PSC's MATH 094 or higher or successful completion of PSC's MATH 091 or 093 with a C or better		
Reading	Successful completion of PSC's ENG 101.		

PREREQUISITE COURSES	
Prerequisite Courses	Date Completed
BIO 221 Anatomy & Physiology I**	
ENG 101 Composition I*	
PTA 100 Introduction to Physical Therapy	

*ENG 101 Composition I with a grade of C or better is a program pre admission requirement. Completion of the course fulfills the general education requirement for the AAS degree.

**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 deadline**. Yes No



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			
	Total Points			

PART B: 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			
	Total Points			

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** 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

Evaluator Signature

Date