PATHWAY: Physical Therapist Assistant
Visit your College Advisor, ccc.edu, or your college’s Transfer Center for more information.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in the Physical Therapist Assistant program. This does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. If this pathway is followed as outlined, you will earn an Associate in Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant.

The Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum provides specialized educational and clinical experiences to prepare graduates for the National Physical Therapist Assistant Exam (NPTAE) and to gain employment in a variety of direct patient care settings under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants work with patients of all ages to improve meaningful function through selected treatment interventions, data collection methods, prevention measures, and patient education. Coursework includes the study of human anatomy and physiology, human movement and kinesiology, the consequences of disease or injury, and physical therapy treatment for a variety of patient conditions affecting humans throughout the life span. Clinical eduction is provided through a variety of partnerships with hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient physical therapy clinics, and home health agencies. Students entering clinical education experiences will be required to provide a criminal background check and drug screening test before or during each rotation in addition to other requirements of the clinical education site.

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Malcolm X College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: http://www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 312-850-7021 or email edicapo@ccc.edu.

Prospective students must apply for admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The program is very competitive, and having the minimum requirements does not indicate that you will be accepted into the program. Students having less than minimum requirements will not be considered. In order to enter the program, students must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Graduate from an accredited high school or earn a GED
- Meet general admissions requirements for Malcolm X College including successful completion of all prerequisite courses for the Physical Therapist Assistant program
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all college-level work
- Grade of “C” or better in English 101, Mathematics 118, Biology 116, Psychology 201, Physics 131, and Exercise Science and Sports Studies 101, 102, 103, and 112

BACKGROUND CHECK

Students entering most healthcare professions programs will be required to present documentation of health history and vaccination status, to undergo annual tuberculosis screening, to submit to a background check, to submit to initial and random drug screening, and to undergo fingerprinting prior to licensing with the state of Illinois. Students should consult with an advisor if any of these requirements are a concern.

Choose your courses with your College Advisor.

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| 2—Fall/Spring | - Exercise Science and Sports Studies 103-Allied Health Clinical Skills (2)  
- Biology 116-Anatomy and Physiology (4)  
- Psychology 201-General Psychology (3)  
- Mathematics 118-General Education Mathematics (4)  
- Physics 131-Mechanics and Power (3) | Required Program Core | DO THIS—Meet with advisor to confirm plans  
DO THIS—Apply to PTA program |
| 3—Summer | - Physical Therapy Assistant 110—Introduction to Physical Therapy (2)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 150—Therapeutic Procedures I (3)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 160—Orthopedic Practice and Exercise I (4) | Required Program Core | |
| 4—Fall | - Physical Therapy Assistant 140—Health Promotion and Wellness I (1)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 170—Therapeutic Procedures II (3)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 171—Cardiopulmonary and Vascular Practice (2)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 201—Neuromuscular Rehabilitation (3)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 211—Clinical Education I (7) | Required Program Core | |
| 5—Spring | - Physical Therapy Assistant 200—Pathophysiology and Complex Systems (2)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 220—Physical Therapy across the Lifespan (2)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 240—Health Promotion and Wellness II (2)  
- Physical Therapy Assistant 260—PTA Advanced Clinical Education (7) | Required Program Core | DO THIS—Meet with advisor to confirm plans  
COMPLETION of Associate in Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant |

**Degree Minimum:** 62 Credit Hours  
**Pathway Total:** 68 Credit Hours

**D = DEGREE // AC = ADVANCED CERTIFICATE // BC = BASIC CERTIFICATE**