

PTA Program Fall Open House

WELCOME!

Announcements:

1. Please sign in
 - Put Name and Email address in the chat box
 - Send privately to Erin DiCapo if you prefer not to share with all in attendance.
 - We will use this information to keep in touch
2. This open house will be recorded.
 - Please feel free to keep your camera off if you do not wish to be recorded.

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

MALCOLM X COLLEGE

Malcolm X College: Mission Statement

- Malcolm X College , a learning and assessment-centered community college, empowering students of diverse backgrounds and abilities to achieve academic, career, and personal success.

Career as Physical Therapist Assistant



2 years, earn
Associates in Applied
Sciences degree



Salary: ~45-50K in
Chicagoland area



Work in a variety of
settings



Full-time, part-time,
registry



Career ladder

Future of Physical Therapy

- Workforce data
 - Anticipated 40% job growth throughout the next decade
- COVID-19

Accreditation

- In the US, must graduate from an accredited PTA program to be eligible to sit for the licensure exam.
- Must be licensed to practice as a PTA.
- MXC PTA Program is fully accredited by CAPTE, the accrediting body of PT and PTA education programs.

Accreditation: CAPTE

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.

Educational Model (1+1)

PRE-REQUISITE COURSES (2 semesters)

APPLY TO THE PTA PROGRAM

- Application Available in the Fall semester each year (November)
- NOTE: *The PTA Program is a Selective Admissions Program. Completion of all pre-requisite coursework DOES NOT guarantee admission to the technical phase of the program.

TECHNICAL COURSES (3 semesters)

- Summer, Fall & Spring Semesters

Graduate!

Curriculum: Pre-requisites

- Designed to be completed in 2 semesters
 - However, adaptable to your personal situation
 - Longer if necessary
 - Shorter with transfer credit or the ability to test out of classes
 - Offer day and night sections of most courses
- Need to pass every course with a grade of “C” or higher

Curriculum: Pre-requisites

- ENG 101 (3)
- MATH 118 (3)
- BIO 116: Anatomy and Physiology (4)
- PHYSICS 131
- PSYCH 201: Intro to Psychology (3)
- ESSS 101: Personal Trainer Preparation (4)
- ESSS 102: Personal Trainer Practicum (2)
- ESSS 103: Allied Health Clinical Skills (2)
- ESSS 112: Functional Anatomy and Kinesiology (5)

Curriculum: Pre-requisites

- Transfer credit is accepted
 - OFFICIAL transcripts must be sent to the Registrar
- Prior Learning Assessments (PLAs) available for certain courses
 - ESSS 101, 102, 112 have PLAs
 - ESSS 103 must be taken at MXC- no PLA or transfer credit available
 - PLAs must be passed with a 70% on the FIRST attempt to receive credit for the course
 - ESSS 102 has 2 parts (written and practical)
- Higher level coursework can be substituted (ex: BIO 226 & 227 can substitute for BIO 116)

Curriculum: Technical Coursework

- 12 months (3 semesters)
- Full-time, Day classes
- Summer semester start. 12 week semester.
- Fall semester: 1st 8 weeks-class. 2nd 8 weeks-clinical education experience.
- Spring semester: 1st 8 weeks-class. 2nd 8 weeks-clinical education experience.
- GRADUATE!
- *Changes made for this AY due to COVID-19 will be discussed at the end of the presentation.

Who is eligible to apply? Minimum requirements

- Completed all pre-requisite coursework OR enrolled in pre-requisite coursework at time of application submission
- Complete all pre-requisite coursework with a grade of “C” or better
- Cumulative GPA 2.5

Admissions Process

The admissions process begins during the Fall semester of each year (November)

STEP 1:

- Ensure you have completed all pre-requisite requirements OR enroll in remaining pre-requisite courses once enrollment opens
- If you are using PLAs or transfer credit to complete Pre-requisite requirements, ensure this is completed.

Admissions Process

STEP 2:

- Request the application for the PTA Program through your student portal (my.ccc.edu)
- Only those who have completed or are enrolled in all pre-requisites and meet minimum GPA requirements will be eligible
- If you feel you have met all requirements, but your portal does not indicate this, FOLLOW UP!

Submitting Application within Student Portal (my.ccc.edu)

- Under “My Academic Plan”
- Within “Academic Planning”
- Click “Selective Application”

The screenshot shows the 'My Academic Plan' page in the student portal. The navigation bar at the top includes: Home, This Semester, My Academic Plan (selected), My Future, Activities, Finances, Personal Information, and Help. The left sidebar has three main sections: 'Academic Planning' (selected), 'My Registration', and 'Graduation'. Under 'Academic Planning', there is a list of links: Degree Audit, What-If Report, My Planner, Academic History, Class Search, Academic Goals, Gainful Employment, Disclosure, Placement Testing, and Selective Application. The main content area is titled 'My Academic Plan' and contains the following text: 'Your current academic and degree/certificate plans are shown below. The Academic Plan is a term-by-term road map which shows the sequence of courses you should take to meet all completion and graduation requirements. The plan is based upon your academic program and anchored by your career and transfer goals. The degree/certificate plan represents the degree or certificate that will be awarded when all graduation requirements are met.' Below this is a note: 'Speak with your Advisor right away if you wish to change your plan.' The plan details are: 'Academic Plan: Personal Development' and 'Degree/Certificate Plan: Personal Development'. At the bottom, the 'Focus Area' is 'Course Enrollee', 'Academic Program' is 'No Degree or Certificate Award', 'Degree/Certificate' is 'No Formal Award', 'Credit Hours Required' is blank, 'Financial Aid Offered' is 'Y', 'College' is 'Kennedy-King College', and 'Projected Graduation College' is 'Kennedy-King College'.

Admissions Process

STEP 3:

- Once vetted, if eligible you will be emailed the PTA Application packet

STEP 4:

- Complete all portions of the application
 - Admissions Packet
 - Observation Hours: **ALTERNATE FOR 2020-2021 Admissions Cycle due to COVID-19**
 - **Physical Therapy Videos with follow up questions and reflection**
- Submit all materials by the due date (End of Jan-Early Feb)

Admissions Process

STEP 5:

- All completed applications reviewed by the MXC PTA Admissions Committee

STEP 6: Interview

- The top candidates who submit an application to the program will be invited to interview
 - Candidates notified of admissions decision in late February
 - Interviews held in early March

Admissions

STEP 7:

- Following the interview process, the top 30 students will be offered conditional acceptance to the program
- Other candidates will be placed on the Wait List
- Early April

STEP 8:

- Those who receive conditional acceptance must complete the following prior to the start of the summer semester (mid May)
 - Complete any remaining coursework with a “C” or better
 - Health Requirements (see next Slide)

Admissions

STEP 8 continued:

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS- *Only required for those students offered conditional acceptance*

- Provide proof of health insurance
- Mandatory Titers:
 - Measles (Rubeola)
 - Mumps
 - Rubella
 - Varicella
 - Hepatitis B Surface Antibody
- 2 step TB test OR Chest X-ray OR Quantiferon- TB Gold
- Tdap (within the last 9 years)
- Criminal Background Check *
- CPR certification- American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Provider
- Drug screening - date determined by the program
- Flu vaccination (free through Wellness Center)

What to expect in the PTA program

- Class 4-5 days/week, 8 AM - 6 PM
- Cooperative/team based learning environment
- Hands-on practice of skills in PTA laboratory
- Utilize virtual hospital as often as possible
- Two full-time 8wk clinicals (40hrs/wk).
 - Will need to commute to all areas of the city and suburbs
 - Will need transportation- the CTA will NOT be an option for all clinical placements.



Cost

- **< 12 credit hours:**
\$146.00/credit hour
- **12 credit hours and above:**
\$1752.00

Credit Courses

Category	Tuition per Credit Hour	Tuition
	(less than 12 credit hours)	(12+ credit hours)
In-District City of Chicago	\$146.00	\$1,752.00
Out-of-District	\$384.00	\$4,608.00
Out-of-State	\$481.00	\$5,772.00
International	\$481.00	\$5,772.00

Foundational Studies classes are 50% of the credit hour tuition rate.

<http://www.ccc.edu/colleges/malcolm-x/departments/pages/tuition-and-fees.aspx>

Cost

- **Other anticipated out of pocket costs**
 - **\$1,400 program / professional fees (technical year)**
 - **\$1,000 other program books/uniforms (technical year)**
- **Total (rough estimate): ~\$12K for entire 2 years of program**
- **Scholarships available**

COVID-19

- No observation hours requirement for the current admissions cycle (2020-2021). This is a temporary change being made this year.
 - Alternate video activity in place of traditional observation hours
- CAPTE is operating under disaster guidelines
- Current class completing the program with a modified curriculum sequence and extended time due to remote summer semester.
- Hybrid model Fall 2020; anticipated for Fall 2021
- Decreased class size
- Due to fluidity of the situation, program plans to make decisions regarding these same items for the Class of 2022 by April 2021.
- All changes must be in accordance with CAPTE and State of Illinois regulations.

Helpful Hints

- Stay in contact each semester with health sciences advisors & PTA program faculty
- Be proactive and accountable
- Meet with financial aid to discuss your options
- Professional communication
- Reflect often on experiences
- Strive for high achievement in pre-requisite coursework



QUESTIONS?

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