



**MALCOLM X COLLEGE**  
CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO

# Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program Open House

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2. This open house will be recorded.
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# Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program

**Malcolm X College**



# Mission Statements

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

The **physical therapist assistant program** at Malcolm X College, a contemporary institution, offers an innovative and career-focused education to students of diverse backgrounds. The program aspires to equip learners with the competencies to become licensed physical therapist assistants committed to excellence and caring in clinical practice and inspired to respond to the needs of a dynamic society.

# 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



Workforce Outlook: expected to grow by 40% in the next decade

# 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.
- Completed re-accreditation process in 2022. Received 10 years of accreditation (through 2032).

*The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at City Colleges of Chicago – Malcolm X College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 800-999-2782; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <https://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call Erin DiCapo at 312-850-7021 or email [edicapo@ccc.edu](mailto: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

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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 (4)
  - BIO 116: Anatomy and Physiology (4)
  - PHYSICS 131 (3)
  - PSYCH 201: Intro to Psychology (3)
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- 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 submitted 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



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)
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**2023-2024 Admissions Cycle Dates:**  
**11/8/23 – 1/31/24**

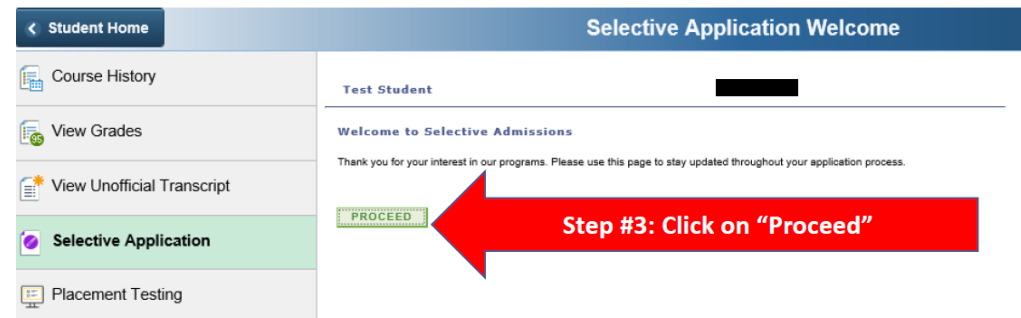
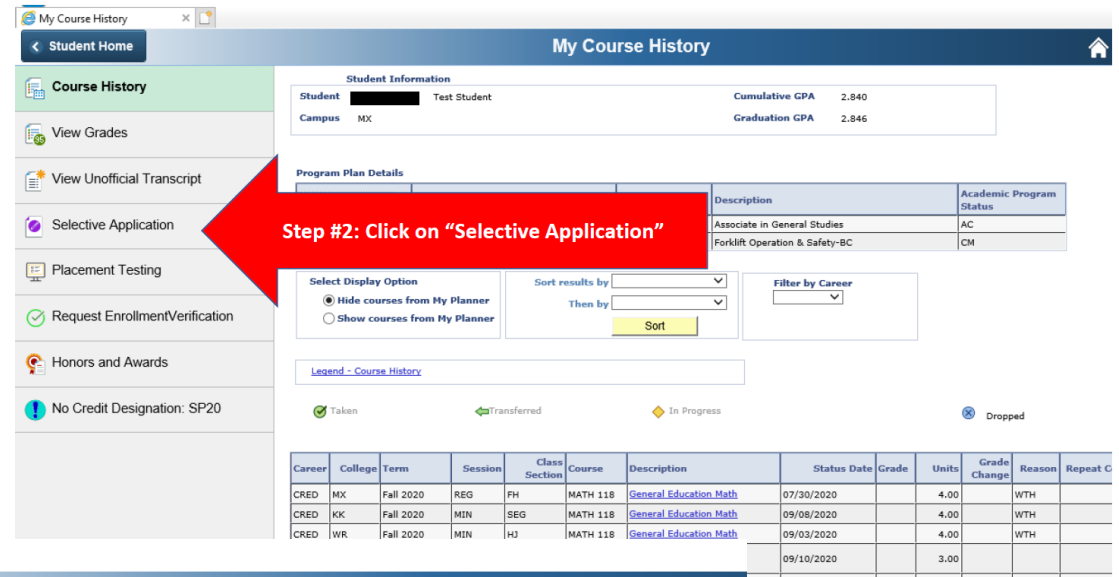
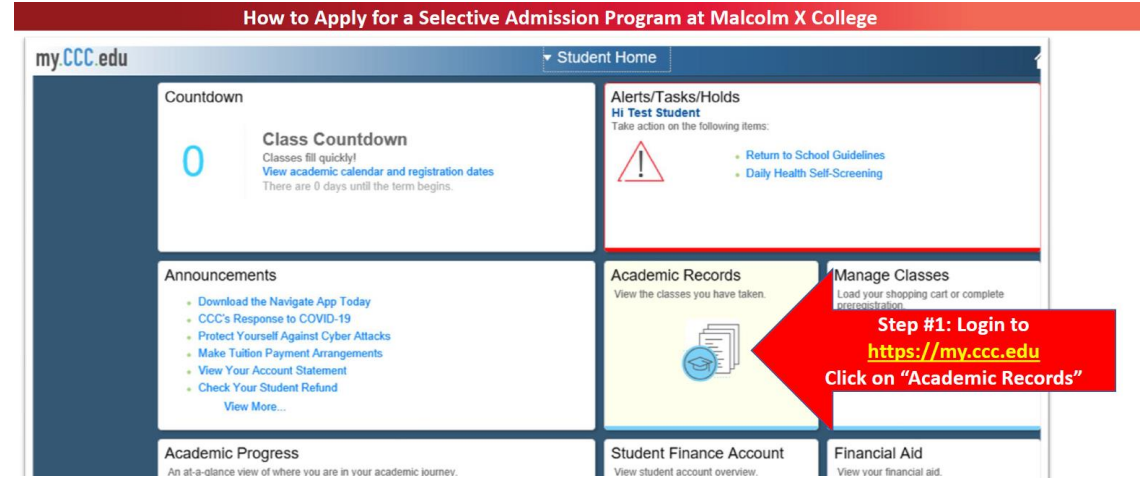
## **STEP 1:**

- 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)



# Admissions Process

## STEP 2 cont'd:

- 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!

The screenshot shows the 'Selective Application Page' for a student. It displays a list of 'Available Selective Program Applications' for Malcolm X College in Spring 2021. The table lists five programs: Sterile Processing Clinical-BC, Pharmacy Technology-AC, Medical Assisting-AC, Phlebotomy-BC, and Medical Coding-AC. Each program has a last date to apply and an 'apply' button. A red arrow points to the 'apply' button for the first program, with a text box indicating: 'Step #4: Click on "Apply" and then click on "Yes" to apply for a program (You can apply for multiple programs)'.

Program	Term	Last Date to Apply	Action
Sterile Processing Clinical-BC	Spring 2021	12/01/2020	apply
Pharmacy Technology-AC	Spring 2021	01/08/2021	apply
Medical Assisting-AC	Spring 2021	11/20/2020	apply
Phlebotomy-BC	Spring 2021	01/08/2021	apply
Medical Coding-AC	Spring 2021	11/13/2020	Not Eligible

If you believe that you are eligible to Apply for a program based on "Show Eligibility Requirements," however you do not see the option to apply, then connect with Advising and/or Admissions office Virtually using the department Zoom link on this web-page: <https://prepare.ccc.edu/mxvss/>



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## Admissions Process

### **STEP 3:**

- Once vetted, if eligible you will be emailed the PTA Application packet
  - Ensure you check your CCC email daily!

### **STEP 4:**

- Complete all portions of the application
  - Admissions Packet
  - Observation Hours (see next slide)
- Submit all materials by the due date

# OBSERVATION HOURS

## OPTIONS:

1. Traditional in person observation hours (20 hours total at 2 different locations)
2. Alternate Observation Hours (combination of TWO of the following)
  - Traditional observation hours at one facility (10-15 hours)
  - Interview of a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant
  - Video assignment (1 video provided by the program, 1 video located by applicant)

ALL applicants will submit a reflection assignment which is assessed as part of the admissions rubric.

**\*Instructions will be provided in the application packet.**



# 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, up to 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 (NOT required to apply to the program)\***

- 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)

# Statement of Non-Discrimination

The City Colleges of Chicago does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, disability, military status, order of protection status, genetic information, membership or lawful participation in the activities of any organization, or the exercise of rights guaranteed by local, state, or federal law with respect to hire, terms and conditions of employment, continued employment, admissions, or participation in Board programs, services, or activities. The lack of English language skills shall not be a barrier to admission or participation in the District's activities and programs.

We encourage students and staff to work together to prevent acts of discrimination and harassment of any kind. Students or staff found to have engaged in acts of discrimination or harassment will be disciplined, which may include suspension or expulsion for students and termination for employees.

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# Cost

\$146.00/credit hour  
PTA Program = 68  
credit hours

Pre-requisite +  
technical  
coursework

\$9,928

## Credit Courses

Category	Tuition per Credit Hour
In-District City of Chicago	\$146.00
Out-of-District	\$384.00
Out-of-State	\$481.00
International	\$481.00

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

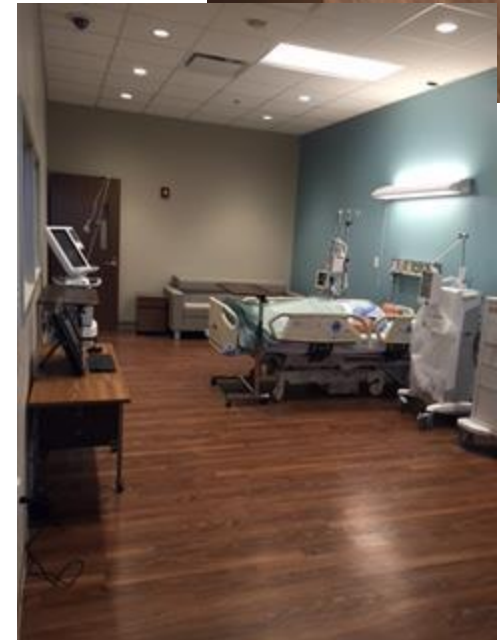
# Cost

- Other anticipated out of pocket costs
  - \$1,400 program / professional fees (technical year)
  - \$1,000 other program books/uniforms (technical year)
- Total (rough estimate):~\$12.5K for entire 2 years of program
- Scholarships available
- Financial Aide eligible



# 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.





# MXC PTA Program

## Core Values

### RESPECT

- Definition: Treat others the way that you want to be treated
- Examples:
  - Take time to get to know classmates
  - Provide and accept constructive feedback
  - Follow the chain of command
  - Demonstrate empathy
- Includes self-respect

### ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LEARNING

- Definition: taking responsibility
- Examples:
  - Be on time to class
  - Participate actively during class time
  - Ask for help
  - Come prepared for class
  - On-time submission of assignments
  - Take responsibility for actions and do not blame others
  - Complete all work missed due to an absence
  - Self-assess areas of strength and areas in need of improvement
  - Participate in open lab and tutoring

### PROACTIVE COMMUNICATION

- Timely (early) reporting of needs, feelings, and/or situations
- Proactive communication is:
  - Clear
  - Respectful
  - Professional
- Examples:
  - Communicate personal and academic needs to faculty to facilitate connection with resources
  - Communicate barriers to attendance or completion of a class requirement BEFORE they are due.



# Helpful Hints & “to-dos”

- Stay in contact each semester with health sciences advisors & PTA program faculty
- Be proactive and accountable
- Meet with your advisor
  - Ensure your academic plan
  - Request a “soft evaluation” of transcripts (if applicable)
  - Obtain a course over-ride (if awaiting transfer credit)
- Meet with financial aid to discuss your options
- Check transcript status (if applicable)
- Check student portal to ensure readiness to apply
- Communicate professionally
- Reflect often on experiences
- Strive for high achievement in pre-requisite coursework

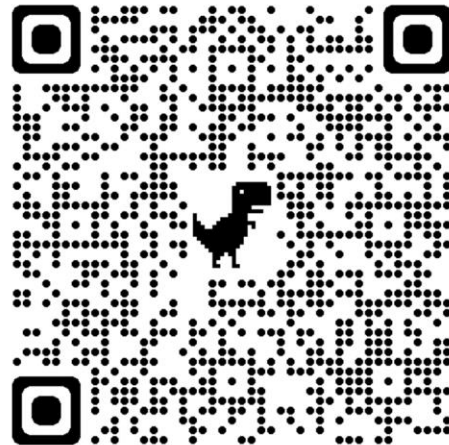
# Questions?

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Open House Attendance

