

# STEP-BY-STEP APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR THE

## Physical Therapist Assistant STUDENT

The PTA Program is slated to begin Fall 2019. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, students are awarded the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant and are eligible\* for PTA license examination.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the MGCCC College Admission Requirements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visit the Physical Therapist Assisting Program Website page (located under Programs of Study/Health Sciences).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Review and Complete the **Mandatory** Pre-Health Sciences Orientation Session (*See website to access*)

### Register for and successfully complete the following Prerequisites

- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete **BIO 2514, Anatomy and Physiology I AND BIO 2524, Anatomy and Physiology II**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have a minimum cumulative (GPA) of 2.5 on college work with no grade less than "C" on any Academic Core\* courses in the current PTA curriculum. (Courses may be re-taken and highest score will be used).

\* Academic Core courses include: BIO 2514, BIO 2524, MAT 1313, ENG 1113, SPT 1113, a Humanities/Fine Arts Elective and a Social /Behavioral Science Elective

- \_\_\_\_\_ Achieve a minimum composite score of 18 or above on the ACT (Enhanced Version - Fall of 1989 or later). A score of less than 18 will not be accepted and cannot be waived.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for and complete the HESI A2 Exam (Check Physical Therapist Assistant website regarding Registration, Testing, Remediation, and Re-testing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Student must complete and document 40 hours of Clinical Observation in the field of Physical Therapy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Obtain a Criminal Background Check from a MGCCC Campus Police office. The CBC result is required prior to submitting the application. Please check the program's website for the Campus Police testing times.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Prior to the deadline, but after successful completion of the above program entry requirements, submit the supplemental Physical Therapy Assisting Application. (See website for steps on submitting the application). Contact an Enrollment Specialist at a campus of your choice for additional questions.**

**Application Deadline: July 1<sup>st</sup>** (Applications accepted beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>)

(If deadline falls on a weekend, holiday, or college closing, the deadline is 5 p.m. on the next college business day).

\*Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

MGCCC is seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE. The program has submitted an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage (see <http://www.capteonline.org>). Submission of this document does not assure Candidate for Accreditation status. Furthermore, Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the professional phase of the program. Therefore, no students may enroll in the professional courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Although achievement of the status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure the program will be granted accreditation.

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