Mountwest Community & Technical College

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

2027 APPLICATION

STATEMENT ON ACCREDITATION

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Mountwest Community & Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Avenue, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; Telephone: 1-800-999-2792; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org. Graduation from an accredited program is required to be eligible for licensure.

STATEMENT ON PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Students should be aware that the academic performance expectations of this program are notably higher than what you may be accustomed to. This includes a 70% minimum performance requirement on each didactic measure (tests) as well as an 85% minimum performance requirement on each laboratory measure (practicals). Students who are unable to successfully demonstrate this minimum level of competency will not receive a passing grade and will be dismissed from the program. Applicants are encouraged to request a meeting with the program faculty as they complete their application if they have any questions regarding the programs academic policies.

STATEMENT ON BACKGROUND CHECK/DRUG SCREEN & LICENSING BOARD

Students with an arrest and/or criminal conviction may be unable to fulfill the clinical education requirements in order to graduate. Individuals with an arrest and/or criminal conviction are advised that the State Licensing Boards will consider their application for physical therapist assistant licensure on an individual basis. Upon graduation, you may be required to make a personal appearance before the board prior to be granted licensure. It is the prerogative of the licensing board to grant or deny the application for licensure.

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Thank you for expressing interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at MCTC. Enclosed are the forms and instructions necessary to initiate the process for consideration of admission into the Class of 2027. Please review the entire packet and read the instructions carefully before completing the forms.

The PTA Program is an accredited 14-month (upon admission) Associate in Applied Science Degree program designed to prepare a general Physical Therapist Assistant practitioner who will engage in lifelong professional development. The program includes classroom, laboratory and clinical learning experiences. Students participate in 18 weeks of full-time clinical affiliations throughout the program. As a member of the MCTC Career & Technical Division, there is ample opportunity for PTA students to interact with students in a number of health care disciplines.

Admission to the PTA program at MCTC is a competitive process. The program faculty values a well-rounded applicant, one who has demonstrated his/her academic and cognitive abilities as well as his/her personal and professional potential. The PTA Admissions Committee will evaluate candidates on the basis of their academic aptitude and demonstrated achievement, personal recommendations and interview presentation. The program anticipates admission of 18 students per year.

Application Deadline:

All application materials must be received on or before March 15, 2027. If any of your application materials are received after the stated deadline, your application will be incomplete and you will not be considered for admission.

Application deadline reminder
Since the number of seats available for students in the physical therapist assistant program are limited, deadlines must be met in order to allow the program to determine the applicant's eligibility for admission in a timely manner. Aptitude Exam and interviews are not automatically awarded to all applicants.

Non-Discrimination Statement:

The PTA Program prohibits preferential or adverse discrimination on the basis of race, age, color, religion, marital status, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status or the presence of a medical condition or disability status in all areas including but not limited to its qualifications for program admission, activities and policies. The program is committed to promoting cultural diversity throughout the profession.

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PTA Program
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Cycle “Helpful Extras”

• Recent revision to the admission criteria includes an increase in the minimum cumulative GPA requirement from 2.0 to 2.50. This number reflects all college level academic work that you have completed up to the time you are applying to the program.

• All applicants advancing beyond the initial screening will be conditionally enrolled in the PTA 100 - Introduction to PT and PTA 160 - Neuroanatomy and Physiology courses scheduled during the summer semester. The PTA 100 course is also being offered as an open enrollment course during the Spring 2027 semester so if a student is in the process of completion of the course, they will not be conditionally enrolled. Maintaining this enrollment is contingent upon your eventual full admission to the program. This preliminary enrollment in the PTA 100 and 160 courses does not guarantee your full admission to the program. If you are not fully admitted at the conclusion of the application cycle, you will be administratively withdrawn from these courses at that time. If you have additional questions contact the program offices for more information.

• The full (final) admission decisions will go out via email in mid-May following receipt and review of spring grades from the registrar’s office.

• The PTA 100 course is tentatively scheduled in the summer to run during session B (May 10th thru June 10th) and the PTA 160 course is tentatively scheduled in the summer to run during session A (May 10th thru July 15th).

• Spend time volunteering/observing work being done in a physical therapy setting ... to build a strong understanding of the expectations of the profession.

• As the program is a full time committment ... make sure to plan ahead.

Remember:

The admission process helps ensure that all students are treated fairly and are admitted on the basis of the information they submit in their application. Since the quality of the applicant pool varies from year to year ... a student may be competitive during one year but not in another.

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program
2027 CYCLE

Application for Admission Form

Please write legibly

☐ WV Resident

☐ Out-of-State

Name: _____

Date of MCTC Admission	MCTC (942) Number
Active Email address	
Current Address: Street/Apt/etc.	
City/State	Zip
Telephone	Cell Phone
Applying to enter program in Summer 20____	Have you applied before? If so, when?

Please list all colleges attended prior to this program application: Official copies of all transcripts must be on file in the Mountwest Registrar's office no later than March 15, 2027.

Name of School	City, State	Degree Earned

Total number of volunteer/observation experience hours documented in application: _____

Statement on prerequisite course status at time of application: (initial one response)

☐ I have successfully completed all required prerequisite courses for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

☐ I am currently enrolled in the remaining, required prerequisite courses and will have them completed by the end of the spring 2027 semester. Note: students taking any of these courses at other institutions will need to submit final grades directly to the program office upon receipt.

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2027 Application Cycle
Verification of Eligibility: Self-Assessment Form

In order to advance[1] beyond the initial screening of applicants, you must complete the following self-assessment of your demonstrated level of academic achievement. This form must be submitted as part of your application packet no later than March 15, 2027.

Please answer (yes/no) to each statement below. If you are unable to respond "yes" to all of the statements below your application will not advance beyond the initial screening phase.

_____ I have been accepted for admission to Mountwest and have filed official transcripts for all schools attended as part of that process. I have included a copy of my admission letter from Mountwest with my program application packet.

_____ My academic transcript reflects a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (all college level coursework completed in the last seven years).

_____ My academic transcript reflects that I have completed or currently enrolled in the prerequisite basic science courses to include Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology and Physics within the past seven years[2]. (This year cycle ... not prior to Spring 2020.)

_____ My academic transcript reflects that I have completed or currently enrolled in the prerequisite general education courses to include English Composition, Oral Communication, College Algebra, and the social science elective (Intro to Sociology or General Psychology)[3].

_____ My academic transcript(s) reflects that I have a "grade" for all completed pre-requisite coursework and that I received a grade of "C" or above in each course.

_____ I have completed and submitted, on the required form, verification of a total (minimum) of 40 hours of observation time from at least 2 different locations within the past 12 months.

_____ I have submitted 2, sealed, personal recommendations on the required form, completed within the past 6 months.

Note:

[1] Advance refers to participating in the health science aptitude exam and personal interview aspects of the admission process.
[2] Applicants should demonstrate a minimum prerequisite Basic Science GPA of 2.75.
[3] Applicants should demonstrate a minimum prerequisite General Education GPA of 2.50. These courses could have been taken prior to the seven-year cut-off period.

Statement of Understanding

Please read and initial the following:

_____ I certify that all information I have given in the application process is true and correct. I understand that all application materials required for applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program must be received in the Program Office no later than March 15, 2027.

_____ I acknowledge that this application is relevant only towards consideration of admission in 2027 and that each subsequent year requires completion of a new application packet.

_____ I understand that all official transcripts must be on file with the Registrar by March 15, 2027.

_____ I understand that this form must be completed and submitted as part of my application packet.

_____ I understand that by advancing to participate in the TEAS exam and interview aspects of the admission process, I am not guaranteed acceptance into the program.

_____ I understand that if I am preliminarily enrolled in PTA 100 and 160 that it is conditional and "contingent" as previously described and that by being so does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

Signature Date

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INSTRUCTION SHEET

I. The following materials(*) must be completed and submitted by March 15, 2027 to the following address:

Mountwest Community and Technical College
Physical Therapist Assistant Program
Attn: Kelly Terry, PTA Director and ACCE
Room 427
One Mountwest Way
Huntington, WV 25701

Applications may also be dropped off in person at the school in Room 427 or to the Program Director in Rm. 451.

☐ Verification of admission to Mountwest Community & Technical College*

All applicants must include a copy of their college admission letter as part of your PTA Application packet. This will ensure that official copies of all transcripts are on file with the Mountwest Registrar's office no later than March 15th, 2027.

☐ Application for Program Admission*

☐ General Education Verification Form*

☐ Confidential Recommendation of PTA Applicant #1*

☐ Confidential Recommendation of PTA Applicant #2*

Each recommendation must be completed on the enclosed recommendation form and be dated within the last 6 months. You will need to photocopy enclosed form and distribute to 2 persons of your choosing to complete. Each should be sealed with the evaluator's signature over the flap and are to be submitted as part of your application packet.

☐ Evaluation of Pre-PTA Observation #1 (minimum 20 hours)*

☐ Evaluation of Pre-PTA Observation #2 (minimum 20 hours)*

Each evaluation must be completed on the enclosed Observation Evaluation form and be dated within the past 12 months. You will need to photocopy enclosed form and distribute to the supervisory person at the locations you choose to conduct your observations. Each should be sealed with the evaluator's signature over the flap and are to be submitted as part of your application packet.

Following items only apply to applicants selected to proceed through the admission process by meeting the initial verification of eligibility requirements:

☐ Completion of TEAS examination (see #2, next page)

☐ Participation in interview process (see #3, next page)

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Additional Materials:

☐ ALL applicants must submit the $70.00 application fee (make check payable to: Mountwest Community & Technical College). You must submit this fee directly to the Cashier's Office in the One-Stop Center on First Floor) at the time of submitting your application packet. Please be sure to request a receipt to verify your payment.

Note: This is a standardized fee that all applicants to the program must submit at the time of application. Payment of this fee does not guarantee participation in the aptitude exam or interview aspect of the admissions process. Furthermore, it does not guarantee admission into the program.

2. The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) Exam will be given on Friday, April 16th from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, in Room (TBA).

Applicants that have met the initial verification of eligibility requirements will receive an invitation to participate via email only. Please note that the date/time are subject to change and may be modified. You must participate in this event as scheduled in order to fulfill application requirements.

3. Interview Invitations (sent via email only) will be issued to those applicants selected for interviews.

Tentative dates for conducting interviews will be Tuesday April 20th, with times and room location (TBA). Applicants will be scheduled for 30 min sessions. Please note that the date/time are subject to change. You must participate in this event as scheduled in order to fulfill application requirements.

"An active email address is required for those admitted into the program"

NOTE: As stated above, you must provide an active email account in your application materials. Correspondence from the program, throughout the admissions process, will come via this email account only.

All applicants will have received notification of their application status prior to the interview date. Qualified applicants not selected following interviews may be placed on alternate list.

Notice: Do not submit any other materials other than those requested.

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Gen. Education / Prerequisite Verification Form

Student Name MCTC 942#

Please complete the following for each required general education prerequisite for the program.

Course Name	*Substitution Course Name & Number	Semester completed	College of completion	Grade Received	Currently taking	Verified on transcript
BIOL 260 Applied Anatomy						
BIOL 265 Applied Physiology						
BIOL 221 Structural Kinesiology						
BIOL 245 Physiology of Exercise						
SCI 110 Physics						
ENG 111 Composition						
COM 112 / 125 Oral Communication						
MAT 130 College Algebra						
Social Science Elective (Soc 210, Psych 200 / 215)						

*Note: Courses listed here are all offered by MCTC. All coursework listed must be included on the transcripts you submit to the Registrar's Office upon your admission to the college. Completion of this form does not guarantee that a substitution course will be considered as equivalent.

Notice: Students should address all transfer credit matters directly to the registrars/advising office of Mountwest Community & Technical College.

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2027 - PTA Admissions: Evaluation of PTA Observation

Instructions to Applicant: Please complete the information in the first section prior to attending the clinic. Hours required: 20 minimum in two (2) different settings (40 total required). Please follow facility guidelines for HIPPA and confidentiality. An evaluator's signature is needed to certify time completed. Copy this form as needed to meet required hours.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT:

Waiver of FERPA: This waiver statement should be signed if you desire to waive your rights of privacy provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, so that this reference may be read by others. This information will be used in a confidential manner for the express purpose of application to the PTA Program.

Applicant's Signature Date

Printed Applicant's Name

I understand that I am to submit this form in a sealed envelope with the therapist's signature written across the flap of the envelope. This form is to be submitted with other application materials no later than March 15, 2027.

Applicant's signature Date

Instructions to Supervising Clinician: The PT or PTA who is supplying the reference should document the hours, complete evaluation below, sign it, and place it in a sealed envelope, sign it over the seal and return it to the applicant for submission with their application packet.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PHYSICAL THERAPIST OR PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Therapist Position

Facility Phone Email

Please rate applicant by checking the appropriate box that best describes your impression of the candidate.

**** Number of hours completed during observation at this facility**: _____

Observation criterion	Yes	No
Meets dress code of facility	☐	☐
Established volunteer experience independently	☐	☐
Asks questions	☐	☐
Punctual, dependable, follows instructions	☐	☐
Seeks opportunities for learning	☐	☐
Interacts with patients, staff	☐	☐
Understands and performs confidentiality	☐	☐

☐ Recommend ☐ Recommend with Reservations ☐ Not Recommended

Comments

Therapist's Signature / State License # Date

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CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION OF PTA APPLICANT

APPLICANT DATE

The above applicant to the MCTC- PTA Program has given your name as a reference. Please rate this candidate by placing an (X) in the box that best describes this applicant and return it "sealed" to the student as soon as possible.

CHARACTERISTIC	1	2	3	4	5
INDUSTRY: Willingness to work. Habits, zeal, perseverance.	☐ Lazy, little or no effort	☐ Seldom completes work	☐ Ordinarily completes work	☐ Occasionally does extra work	☐ Does extra work gladly
THOROUGHNESS: Intellectual curiosity, originality, willingness to attempt new ideas, ask questions, shows interest.	☐ Careless, work is always incomplete	☐ Work is sometimes careless and inaccurate	☐ Work is generally completed and reasonably accurate	☐ Careful work, accurate	☐ Very careful and thorough
INITIATIVE: Intellectual curiosity, originality, willingness to attempt new ideas	☐ Never tries anything new	☐ Seldom originates own ideas, follower	☐ Sometimes attempts new ideas	☐ Often initiates undertakings	☐ Marked ability to think independently, carries out ideas
RELIABILITY: Dependability, good judgment, honesty, ability to get along without supervision.	☐ Dishonest, neglects obligation	☐ Often needs supervision	☐ Has to be prompted, sometimes reliable	☐ Usually assumes obligations	☐ Thoroughly dependable
COOPERATION: Ability to get along with others, adaptable, tactful, agreeable, cheerful	☐ Disagreeable, antagonistic	☐ Slow to respond, not willing to help	☐ Tends to be agreeable and willing to help	☐ Does well in team work, agreeable	☐ Always willing to help others
EMOTIONAL CONTROL: Poise, ability to handle stress	☐ Very poor control of emotions	☐ Occasionally loses self-control	☐ Fairly balanced, good control	☐ Well-balanced, poised	☐ Unusual poise
INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY: Intelligence, natural ability to succeed in academic effort.	☐ Very slow to learn, lowest fifth	☐ Needs to make extra effort to keep up	☐ Average, quick to catch on	☐ Gifted, grasp subject	☐ Highest fifth
RECOMMENDATION: Based on the rating on this form, this applicant is	☐ Not recommended	☐ Recommended with reservations	☐ Recommended	☐ Recommended with confidence	☐ Very highly recommended

How long have you known this applicant?

In what capacity have you been associated with this applicant?

COMMENTS:

EVALUATOR'S NAME

TITLE

ADDRESS

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Name Social Security No.

The Family Educational Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to educational records concerning them. Students are permitted to waive their right to access these recommendations. The following statement indicates the wish of the applicant regarding this recommendation:

☐ I waive my right to inspect the contents of this recommendation.

☐ I do not waive my right to inspect the contents of this recommendation.

NOTE: This waiver is not required as a condition for admission to the MCTC - PTA Program or receipt of financial aid or any other services and benefits from MCTC. It is the Program's policy that all recommendations be used for the admission process only.

Signature of Applicant