

**Mercer County Community College
Petition to Commence the Professional Phase
of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

INSTRUCTIONS Please complete this form indicating the general education, and PTA preparatory courses for which credit was earned and/or courses in progress. Submit the completed form to the Division Executive Administrative Assistant in (MS 128), PTA Program Coordinator, or place it in the lockbox outside of MS 128. **Petitions will be accepted through February 28 for class entering in that next summer. Decisions are made by the Admissions Office after Spring Break.**

Name _____ Student ID # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # (Home) _____ Work # _____

Cell # _____ Email _____

All of the following information must be completed unless otherwise indicated to be considered eligible to Petition for the Professional Phase of the PTA Program.

| Course | Semester | Year | Grade | College/University [□] |
|---|----------|------|-------|---------------------------------|
| English (ENG 101) | | | | |
| English (ENG 102) | | | | |
| Psychology (PSY 101) [❖] | | | | |
| Mathematics Elective (MAT115, MAT141 or MAT 140) | | | | |
| Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 103) ^{&} | | | | |
| Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 104) ^{&} <i>(May be in progress)</i> | | | | |
| Intro to PTA (PTA 101) <i>(May be in progress)</i> | | | | |
| Kinesiology (PTA 105) <i>(May be in progress)</i> | | | | |

I verify that I have completed or am currently enrolled in the courses listed. I request consideration for acceptance into the professional phase of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program which will start in the Summer _____ semester. I understand that the petitioning process is unique for each year and does not “carry over” to another year if I am not successful for this summer’s class. I know that I would need to petition again. I also understand that I must have a GPA at Mercer of at least 2.5 to be eligible for the PTA program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Key

- Official transcripts for courses taken at another college or university must be submitted to the Admissions Office for review and transfer of credit. ***It is the sole responsibility of the petitioner to follow up on the receipt of transcripts.*** Only grades of C or higher will be considered for potential transfer credit.
- ❖ Psychology courses must be taken and passed within the past 10 years to be considered for transfer.
- & Both Anatomy & Physiology I and II (***all 8 credits***) must be taken and passed successfully at the same institution within the past 5 years to be considered for transfer.

Mercer County Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Petition for the Professional Phase

The process for acceptance of 24 individuals into the professional phase is based upon the following:

1. Selecting and assuring that you are listed as a Physical Therapist Assistant major
2. Successfully completing PTA 101 Intro to PTA and PTA 105 Kinesiology with a grade of C+ or higher (these may be in progress during the time of the submission of the Petition)
3. Successfully completing Anatomy & Physiology II with a grade of C or higher at the same institution where Anatomy & Physiology I was completed (this may be in progress during the time of the submission of the Petition)
4. Successfully completed all of the courses that need to be completed with a grade of C or higher and if those courses were taken at another institution, making sure that the transcripts are on file at Mercer and that the time periods are still current
5. Semester of first matriculation at Mercer (*those who have waited longer will be accepted first*)
6. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required for consideration as a candidate for the Professional Phase of the Physical Therapist Assistant program (*transfer credit does not carry a GPA, only the credit transfers*)

Additional Information:

- Applicants will be notified by mail ***after*** Spring Break.
- A short wait list will be maintained and those who are on that list will also be notified that they are waitlisted. Those individuals should be prepared to potentially receive a telephone call up to or including the first day of class in the first summer session. Since all acceptances are provisional and based upon the successful completion of courses currently in progress during the spring semester some changes usually take place after spring grades post.
- If after being notified that you are either provisionally accepted or waitlisted, you decide that you do NOT want to be a part of the PTA program, you must notify the PTA Program Coordinator in writing of your decision.