

Mercer County Community College (MCCC) Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)

The Goals of the PTA Program at MCCC are:

- to provide a community based education program for the physical therapist assistant (PTA);
- to provide well rounded health care education within the academic preparation to become a PTA, familiarizing the student/learner with healthy lifestyle alternatives;
- to offer a PTA educational program to all student/learners who are capable of benefiting from and contributing to the profession of physical therapy by successfully passing the licensure examination;
- to prepare PTA student/learners to recognize, value and seek out safe and ethical physical therapy work environments;
- to graduate knowledgeable, self-assured, adaptable, reflective and service oriented clinicians;
- to graduate individuals who will seek employment in legal, ethical and safe physical therapy delivery settings;
- to graduate individuals who will enhance the delivery of physical therapy services by effectively performing treatment techniques and patient education activities as delegated by the physical therapist, and
- to graduate individuals who will enhance the quality of physical therapy care provided by practicing effective communication and documentation skills, and providing appropriate psycho-social support for patients and their families.

Program Outcome Goals

1. Each class of graduates will pass the NPTE for PTAs with a minimum ultimate pass rate of 80%.
2. Matriculated students will maintain a 70% graduation rate within six semesters.
3. 70% of graduates from the program will be employed as PTAs within 6 months of passing the NPTE for Physical Therapist Assistants.

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