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**P**hysical  
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**REGIONAL PROGRAM**

Associate in Applied Science  
 Degree

**Physical Therapist Assistant  
Regional Program  
Associate in Applied Science Degree**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Regional Program is to prepare individuals to become physical therapist assistants who are able to perform selected components of interventions and data collection under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. The program will prepare graduates who are eligible to sit for the national licensing examination for the physical therapist assistant.



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The two year Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program leads to the Associate in Applied Science degree. The curriculum combines general education and physical therapy courses. Various facilities are utilized for clinical experiences.

**Enrollment in this program is limited; therefore, a selective admissions process utilizing a point index system is followed** (for information on admission guidelines, please contact the Admissions Office).

**Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program  
ADMISSION CHECKLIST**

When applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program there are a number of steps that you are responsible for completing. Below is a list of those steps:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Complete and return admission application to the HCTC or SKCTC Office of Admissions.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Send high school transcript with graduation date or GED scores to the Office of Admissions.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Send all college and post-secondary education or training transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Attend Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program pre-admission conference.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Take ACT National Exam or SAT and send score report to the Office of Admissions.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Send documentation of observation hours to the Office of Admissions.

Remember that the application deadline for the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program is April 1 and **you are responsible for making sure that your file is complete.**

*If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Tracy Bowling, PT, MS, Program Coordinator at 606-487-3379; or Program Assistants Terri Fields at 606-487-3394 or Kena Mullins at 606-487-3519; or toll free at 800-246-7521.*

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

In order to be considered for admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program, the following credentials must be on file in the college admissions office by April 1 of each year:

1. Application for admission to the college. This must be updated on an annual basis per college policy (if not currently enrolled).
2. Official high school transcript (with graduation date) indicating the applicant has or will complete an approved four year high school course of study or a passing GED official score report.
3. Official transcripts of all college and post-secondary education or training.
4. ACT National Exam or SAT score report.
5. A pre-admission conference with the coordinator or the coordinator's designee is required prior to an applicant's consideration by the Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee. **This must be completed on an annual basis.**
6. Documentation of a minimum of 8 hours of physical therapy observation and/or experience (4 hours must be in a hospital physical therapy department). Points will be awarded up to 25 hours. **This must be completed following attendance of a PTA Regional Program pre-admission conference; observation hours can be carried over for a period not to exceed three years.**

## CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

1. Selection of students for the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program will be made by the Presidents of the colleges or the Presidents' designee after considering the recommendations of a Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee.
2. Students admitted into the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program must have completed BIO 137, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, or its equivalent, with a "C" or higher, prior to entering the program.

## Second Year

### Summer Session

*MT 110	Applied Mathematics or	3
*MT 150	College Algebra and Functions	(3)
*Oral Communications Course		<u>3</u>
		6 credits

### Fall Semester

PTA 200	Modalities & Procedures in Physical Therapy	5
PTA 220	Physical Therapy Principles & Procedures	5
PTA 240	Clinical Practicum II	<u>2</u>
		12 credits

### Spring Semester

PTA 250	Neurological Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy	5
PTA 260	Seminar in Physical Therapy	2
PTA 280	Clinical Practicum III	<u>5</u>
		12 credits

\*General Education Courses

**Note:** Students must have current adult, child, infant, 1 person and 2 person CPR Certification upon enrollment in the program.

Evidence of receiving Hepatitis B vaccine series or a vaccine declination form must be submitted to the Program Faculty prior to beginning the program.

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**Hazard Community & Technical College/  
Southeast Kentucky Community &  
Technical College  
Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program  
Associate in Applied Science Degree  
Curriculum**

**First Year**

**Summer Session**

*BIO 137	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
*ENG 101	Writing I	<u>3</u>
		7 credits

**Fall Semester**

PTA 100	Orientation to Physical Therapy Practice	4
*BIO 139	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
*Computer Literacy		0-3
*PY 110	General Psychology <b>or</b>	3
*PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	(4)
*ENG 102	Writing II	<u>3</u>
		14-18 credits

**Spring Semester**

PTA 150	Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	6
PTA 160	Medical & Surgical Conditions in Physical Therapy	3
PTA 170	Clinical Practicum I	1
*PSY 223	Developmental Psychology	3
*Heritage/Humanities/Foreign Language Course		<u>3</u>
		16 credits

\*General Education Courses



Students enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant Regional Program must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each required general education course and PTA didactic course; and a grade of pass in each clinical practicum course to complete the program.

3. Preference may be given to candidates who demonstrate above average standing in high school or on the General Education Development Examination (GED).
4. Preference may be given to applicants with an ACT National Exam composite score of 19 or higher, or the equivalent on the SAT.
5. Preference may be given to Kentucky residents and applicants from the community college service area.
6. Preference may be given to applicants who have completed 12 or more credit hours in the approved curriculum with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from any accredited college.

**TECHNICAL STANDARDS**

The physical therapist assistant works in a hands-on situation under the supervision of a physical therapist in providing patient services for the prevention and alleviation of physical impairment and the restoration of function. Therefore, in order to work successfully with patients, all applicants should possess:

1. Sufficient visual acuity, such as observation necessary for administering patient care and reading equipment gauges and settings used in treatments.
2. Sufficient auditory perception to receive verbal communication and to execute patient care through the use of monitoring devices.
3. Sufficient strength and gross and fine motor coordination to respond promptly and to implement patient care skills, such as the manipulation of equipment, and positioning and lifting patients.
4. Sufficient communication skills (speech, reading, writing) to interact with individuals and to communicate their needs promptly and effectively, as may be necessary in the patient's interest.
5. Sufficient intellectual and emotional functions to implement the plan of care.

## **READMISSION**

1. In order to be considered for readmission by the Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee, the applicant must submit a written request to the Physical Therapist Assistant Coordinator, meet current admission guidelines, and may be required to have a Physical Therapist Assistant faculty member submit a letter of recommendation.
2. A student may be readmitted to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program once. Students readmitted may be required to furnish evidence of remedial study, additional preparation, or resolution of factors contributing to previous unsuccessful completion.
3. The student may be readmitted a second time only if recommended by the Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Committee and if the student furnishes sufficient evidence of remedial study, additional preparation or resolution of factors contributing to previous unsuccessful completion. Under no circumstances will a student be readmitted a third time.
4. If more than 3 years have elapsed since first enrolled in any Physical Therapist Assistant Program, an applicant must repeat all Physical Therapist Assistant Program courses.
5. Readmission will be considered only if a vacancy exists in the class in which the student wishes to re-enroll.

## **TRANSFER**

1. Applicants who wish to transfer from one KCTCS Physical Therapist Assistant program to another, or from a Physical Therapy or Physical Therapist Assistant program outside of KCTCS:
  - a. must meet all admission requirements of the receiving institution;
  - b. must submit a written request stating anticipated entry date and reason for transfer to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Coordinator of the receiving institution;
  - c. must have a faculty member from the program previously attended submit a letter of recommendation to the receiving institution; and
  - d. may be required to meet readmission standards if deemed necessary by the admissions committee.

2. If more than 3 years have elapsed since first enrolled in a Physical Therapy or Physical Therapist Assistant program, the applicant must repeat all Physical Therapist Assistant program courses.
3. Applicants wishing to transfer from a Physical Therapy or Physical Therapist Assistant program:
  - a. should apply at least two months prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to enroll;
  - b. may be awarded transfer credit if the sequence and course content parallel those courses required in the KCTCS Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum;
  - c. may be awarded transfer credit if the sequence and course content do not parallel those courses required in the Physical Therapist Assistant program under the following condition(s):
    - 1) only after careful evaluation of transcripts and course syllabi by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program Coordinator, Registrar, and Admissions Committee;
    - 2) after successful completion of a special examination or additional course(s) deemed necessary by the Admissions Committee in order to enter or complete the program.
  - d. will be considered for admission only if a vacancy exists in the class in which they wish to enroll.

