

# Physical Therapist Assistant Program

## Associate in Applied Science

Applicants will be admitted to this program on a “first-qualified, first-admitted” basis. Applicants are considered qualified for admission to the next available class when they meet **all** TTC and program requirements. Classes begin **Summer Semester**.

### Program Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting the college’s general admission requirements, including submission of official high school and college transcripts, applicants must complete all of the following requirements:

1. Complete the **Health Sciences Application**. Application link can be found on the TTC Health Sciences webpage.  
*Note: When the number of applicants qualifying at the same time exceeds space available in the program, admission will be prioritized according to the date and time that the Health Science application was received by the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator.*
2. Provide proof that all general education courses (prerequisite courses) required in the Physical Therapist Assistant program have been completed.
  - a. These courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C.
  - b. Achieve a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA in the required science (BIO 210 and BIO 211), math (either MAT 120 or MAT 110), and English (ENG 101) courses.
3. Laboratory science courses must have been taken within five years of acceptance into the program.
4. The PTA Program has a Repeat Rule regarding admissions. Students cannot repeat more than four of the six prerequisite courses and no prerequisite may be attempted more than two times.
5. After submitting the Health Sciences Application, the student will receive details in their Trident Tech email from the Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator regarding the Information Session and quiz. Students must achieve a score of 100% on the online quiz following the session to verify the information was reviewed and understood.
6. Submit Observation Forms to [HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu](mailto:HealthSciencesAdmissions@tridenttech.edu) documenting a minimum of 40 hours spent in physical therapy facilities. While all 40 hours may be completed in a hospital, it is preferred that the observation hours be divided between hospital and non-hospital facilities, with a minimum of 20 hours in an in-patient acute-care or acute rehab hospital. The applicant is responsible for the observation experience. Forms may be found on the Health Sciences webpage.
7. Submit a Statement of Completion form online. The link to the form can be found on the Health Sciences webpage.

Accreditation – The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Trident Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave, Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia, 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://www.capteonline.org>.

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			<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Lab</u>	<u>Credit</u>
<b>*Prerequisites</b>					
BIO 210		Anatomy and Physiology I	3	3	4
BIO 211		Anatomy and Physiology II	3	3	4
ENG 101		English Composition I	3	0	3
**MAT 120		Probability and Statistics	3	0	3
***REQ SSC		See College Catalog for approved Behavioral/Social Science	3	0	3
REQ HUM		See College Catalog for approved Humanities elective	3	0	<u>3</u>
					<b>20</b>
<b>First Semester – Summer</b>					
PTH 101		Physical Therapy Professional Preparation	2	0	2
PTH 205		Physical Therapy Functional Anatomy	3	3	4
PTH 210		Patient Care Techniques	3	3	4
PTH 221		Pathology I	2	0	2
PTH 235		Interpersonal Dynamics	2	0	<u>2</u>
					<b>14</b>
<b>Second Semester – Fall</b>					
PTH 118	F1	Physical Agents and Modalities	3	3	4
PTH 252	F1	Clinical Practice	1.5	1.5	2
PTH 240	F1	Therapeutic Exercise/Applications	4	3	5
PTH 266	F2	Physical Therapy Practicum I	0	18	<u>6</u>
					<b>17</b>
<b>Third Semester – Spring</b>					
PTH 222	S1	Pathology II	2	0	2
PTH 242	S1	Orthopedic Management	3	3	4
PTH 244	S1	Rehabilitation	3	3	4
PTH 250	S1	Special Topics in Physical Therapy	.5	1.5	1
PTH 275	S2	Advanced Professional Preparation	1	0	1
PTH 276	S2	Physical Therapy Practicum II	0	18	<u>6</u>
					<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS</b>					<b>69</b>

\*It may take students several terms to complete the above prerequisites.

\*\*MAT 110 College Algebra may be substituted.

\*\*\*PSY 201 General Psychology is the recommended Behavioral/Social Science.

**Course Progression:** Once accepted into the program, students must earn a grade of C or better in each course and earn a grade of satisfactory on professional development evaluations in order to progress to the next semester.

**Please note:** All Health Sciences students are required to have drug screenings, criminal background checks, and a current Student Health Record with immunizations and titers. For more information, students may contact their Physical Therapist Assistant faculty advisor. NOTE: Falsification of any information submitted will make a student ineligible for admission to or continuation in the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.