

Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Student ID _____ Current Curriculum _____

Next application period TBA. [Physical Therapist Assistant \(PTA\) | Patrick & Henry Community College](#)

For advising questions, contact Christy Lester, Healthcare Program Advisor, at clester@patrickhenry.edu or 276.656.5469.

STEP ONE: PRE-APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following must be complete (**not in progress**) prior to application submission:

- Current P&HCC student application
- Evidence of High School Graduation or GED; High School Seniors may apply. [Parchment Transcript Request](#)
- Evidence of High School Biology and Chemistry with a grade of “C” or higher; or college equivalent Biology (BIO 101/102 or NAS 150) Grade: _____ Chemistry (CHM 110/101/05/111) Grade: _____ Waiver can be applied if the full series of BIO 141 **and** BIO 142 are completed **prior** to application with a “C” or higher. Grade: _____ / _____
- Evidence of High School Algebra I with a grade of “C” or higher **and** HS GPA 3.0 or better; or SAT Math Score Range 470 or above; or ACT Math Score Range 17 or higher (HS Transcript and/or Math Modules must be less than five years old) or previous college level math equivalent with a “C” or higher; otherwise MDE 10 is required prior to applying. Deficiencies must be completed prior to submitting program application.
- Placement in ENG 111; Deficiencies must be completed prior to submitting program application.
- Calculated Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher Current College GPA _____ Current High School GPA _____ (GPA calculation will include most recent 24 college credits; or if less than 24 college credits have been completed a combination of all high school work and all college credits completed at time of application.)
- Evidence of a minimum of 20 documented observation hours (10 hours in 2 different clinical settings under supervision of a PT/PTA.) *Hours must be completed within two years prior to application submission. Please utilize the [PTA Program: Observation Hours Form PTA-1](#) to document required hours and as a reference for additional information about observation hours requirements.
- Applicants are also required to attend a mandatory PTA Program Information Session prior application submission. (Session dates TBA.) A post-test will be given at the conclusion of the Information Session. Session attendance must be within one year of applying to the program.
- Review PTA Program: Essential Functions of PTA Students Form PTA-3. (See “Applying” section at [Physical Therapist Assistant \(PTA\) | Patrick & Henry Community College](#). Applicants will sign their acknowledgement of the PTA Essential Functions on the PTA application.

STEP TWO: PRE-REQUISITE SEMESTER

- The following pre-requisite courses **must be in progress or previously completed** with a grade of “C” or higher at the time of program application. **HLT 141 NEW requirement effective 2026-27. Speak with advisor regarding completing this course with 1st semester PTH classes for the 26-27 academic year.
 - SDV 100 College Success Skills (1 cr.)
 - ENG 111 College Composition I (3 cr.)
 - PSY 230 Developmental Psychology (3 cr.)
 - HLT 141 Medical Terminology (1 cr.)**
 - BIO 141 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 cr.)

STEP THREE: APPLY TO THE PTA PROGRAM DURING THE POSTED APPLICATION PERIOD

You must complete **STEP ONE** and **STEP TWO** for your application to be complete.

- Pre-application requirements complete
- Pre-requisite semester complete or concurrent enrollment in: SDV 100, ENG 111, PSY 230, HUM/ART EEE, and BIO 141
- Official High School Transcript; GED Certificate; or Home School Transcript for submission with PTA Application
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities outside of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS). Transcripts of all colleges and universities outside of the VCCS must be submitted with the application even if course transfer credits have been processed or student must verify with P&HCC that the transcript is on file.
- Complete the online PTA Program Application during the designated application week. Paper applications will not be available.

AFTER APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- Completed applications will be processed following the posted application deadline and qualified applicants will be invited to take the ATI TEAS timed admission test.
- **Admission Test Scores:** Applicants must receive a **minimum 58.7%** composite score on the ATI TEAS test to be considered for admission.
- Optional Pre-Admission ATI TEAS Study Manuals available: [ATI TEAS Study Manual - For Students | ATI \(atitesting.com\)](#) or [175 ATI TEAS Test Practice Questions \(TEAS Practice Test\) \(testprepreview.com\)](#). These books are available for purchase online or on closed reserved in the LRC. There are also free online practice test options available.

ADMISSION POINT SYSTEM

Points will be awarded in the following manner:

POINTS CRITERIA	TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	TOTAL POINTS EARNED
<u>Calculated Cumulative GPA</u> Range 3.7 to 4.0 or higher 3.3 to 3.6 2.9 to 3.2 2.5 to 2.8	10 points 8 points 6 points 4 points	
<u>Observation Hours</u> Minimum 20 Required Additional Hours Maximum of 50	4 points 2 points per additional 10 hours; up to a maximum of 6 points	
PTA Admission Test Score TEAS for Allied Health	500	
Grand Total	520	

- Observation Hours: Two (2) points will be awarded for every 10 hours performed with a minimum requirement of 20 hours resulting in 4 points. Students are allowed the opportunity to earn up to 6 additional points (for a maximum of 10 points) with up to 30 additional hours of observation time. Students may complete more than 50 hours of observation, however they may only earn points for up to 50 hours. The observation hours must be completed within two years from time of application.

ADMISSION NOTES

- The PTA program is competitive and selective and is limited to up to 16 students.
- When admission must be limited because the number of qualified applicants exceeds available space, priority will be given to applicants who are residents in the college service area including Martinsville, Henry, and Patrick counties. If further delineation is required, individual category TEAS admission test scores will be utilized.
- Applications to the PTA program are accepted once a year at a specified time.
- Applicants who are not accepted will be eligible to reapply at the next application period. A new application must be submitted as applications do not carry over from year to year.
- Please note any student who fails to earn a grade of “C” or higher in the required Pre-Requisite courses that are concurrently enrolled in at the time of submission of PTA application will void any program application and possible acceptance.
- All students must complete a criminal background check. Applicants who have committed a felony/misdemeanor may not be offered admission. The Board of Physical Therapy may deny any application for licensure if the applicant has committed a felony/misdemeanor classified under laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the United States.
- Students must take and pass a drug screening test prior to starting Physical Therapist Assistant courses. A positive drug screening test will prohibit students from starting clinical courses.
- Students who are accepted to the program must participate in mandatory patient care clinical experiences and proof of the COVID-19 vaccine or a waiver request for exemption may be required by clinical agencies.
- The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Patrick & Henry Community 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; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. The program’s current status is **probationary accreditation**; for more information see <https://www.capteonline.org/about-capte/recent-actions-and-updates/recent-actions>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 276-656-0288 or email dsimpson@patrickhenry.edu.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULING

Courses with PTH prefix can only be taken after acceptance into the PTA Program and must be taken in the sequence provided below. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all AAS degree program requirements.

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4	SEMESTER 5
SDV 100 (1)	BIO 142 (4)	PTH 115 (5)	PTH 131 (3)	PTH 251 (3)
BIO 141 (4)	PTH 105 (3)	PTH 210 (2)	PTH 122 (5)	PTH 252 (4)
ENG 111 (3)	PTH 110 (1)	PTH 226 (4)	PTH 225 (5)	PTH 255 (2)
PSY 230 (3)	PTH 151 (4)	PTH 227 (3)		HUM EEE (3)
HLT 141 (1)	PTH 245 (3)			
	HLT 105 (1)			
TOTAL CREDITS: 12	TOTAL CREDITS: 16	TOTAL CREDITS: 14	TOTAL CREDITS: 13	TOTAL CREDITS: 12