**All Application Status questions should be directed to *henselc@mtc.edu***

# Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admission Packet

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 15, 2027**

Dear Prospective Physical Therapist Assistant Student:

Thank you for your interest in a career in Physical Therapist Assisting (PTA). Only a very limited number of applicants will be accepted into the program this year. Therefore, it is important for you to follow the admission procedures carefully.

Licensed physical therapist assistants can look forward to employment prospects in fields including, but not limited to, pediatric neurological and orthopedic rehabilitation, adult neurological rehabilitation, orthopedic and sports medicine rehabilitation, and geriatric and skilled nursing care. Licensed physical therapist assistants practice in diverse settings including, but not limited to, general acute hospital and step-down units, inpatient neurological rehabilitation facilities, outpatient orthopedic facilities, extended care and skilled nursing facilities, and school settings.

This PTA admission packet contains:

1. PTA general information;
2. PTA admission information sheet;
3. Instructions for completing the observation hour requirement for admission;
4. Instructions for completing the video reflection assignments required for admission
5. Directions on how to obtain access to the PTA Admissions webpage are included on page 8
6. Applicant scoring sheet.

**Please note that this information is dated and is applicable to those applying for admission for the fall of 2027 (Class of 2029) only. Please contact the PTA Department for the most recent admission criteria and application if you are applying to begin this program at a date later than fall of 2027.**

**Please note the following changes to our admissions process that affect those applying for fall 2027 start:**

- The following courses **must** be completed PRIOR to application to the PTA Program:
  - SCI 1200/BIO1240—Anatomy and Physiology I
  - MTH 1240—Statistics
  - ENG 1000—English Composition I
  - HLT 1100—Health Terminology (Medical Terminology may be substituted)
  - PSY 1100—Introduction to Psychology
- A minimum composite recommendation score of **18.75/25** is required for admission

Please contact the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) office at Marion Technical College (MTC) if you have questions or need further information regarding our program. To schedule an appointment with the PTA Program Director, please call (740) 386-4185.

Sincerely,

Chad C. Hensel

Chad Hensel, PT, DPT, MHS, CSCS
Director, Physical Therapist Assistant Program

MARION TECHNICAL COLLEGE PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

**PTA GENERAL INFORMATION**

The following information is provided to better acquaint you with the PTA program at Marion Technical College (MTC) and the demands and requirements thereof. Please read this information carefully.

MTC General Admission: Information regarding the general admission process to MTC can be obtained online at: https://www.mtc.edu/admissions/index.html or by contacting the Admissions Office at: 740-389-4636. The general admission process must be completed before applications to the PTA Program will be considered.

Accreditation: The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Marion Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-308; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

Program Duration: The PTA program starts in the fall term and is designed for completion in five (5) consecutive semesters. However, students will take courses in a "Pre-admission semester" toward the degree prior to admission. Because of the sequencing of the PTA classes, it will take five (5) consecutive semesters to complete the program regardless of the amount of course work that has been completed prior to admission.

Travel to Clinical Sites: Students enrolled in the PTA program at MTC must complete clinical assignments in conjunction with on-campus classroom and laboratory instruction prior to program completion. Clinical assignments for students are arranged so that all students can benefit by learning through a variety of clinical experiences. Such assignments may be in clinical facilities outside the college's service area. If necessary, students must be prepared to meet the financial obligations (travel, food, etc) associated with the clinical assignment.

State of Ohio Licensing Procedure for Physical Therapist Assistants: According to 4755.47 of the Ohio Revised Code the physical therapy section of the Ohio occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic trainers board may refuse to grant a license to an applicant for an initial license as a physical therapist assistant (PTA) on any of the following grounds:

- Habitual indulgence in the use of controlled substances, other habit-forming drugs, or alcohol to an extent that affects the individual's professional competency;
- Conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, regardless of the state or country in which the conviction occurred;
- Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license issued by the physical therapy section by fraud or deception, including making of a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement;
- An adjudication by a court, as provided in section 5122.301 of the Revised Code, that the applicant or licensee is incompetent for the purpose of holding the license and has not thereafter been restored to legal capacity for that purpose;
- Subject to section 4755.471 of the Revised Code, violation of the code of ethics adopted by the physical therapy section;
- Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 of the Revised Code or any order issued or rule adopted under those sections;
- Failure of one or both of the examinations required under section 4755.43 or 4755.431 of the Revised Code;
- Permitting the use of one's name or license by a person, group, or corporation when the one permitting the use is not directing the treatment given;
- Denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of authority to practice a health care occupation, including physical therapy, for any reason other than a failure to renew, in Ohio or another state or jurisdiction;
- Failure to maintain minimal standards of practice in the administration or handling of drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, or failure to employ acceptable scientific methods in the selection of drugs, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, or other modalities for treatment;
- Willful betrayal of a professional confidence;
- Making a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement in the solicitation of or advertising for patients in relation to the practice of physical therapy;

- A departure from, or the failure to conform to, minimal standards of care required of licensees when under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established;
- Obtaining, or attempting to obtain, money or anything of value by fraudulent misrepresentations in the course of practice;
- Violation of the conditions of limitation or agreements placed by the physical therapy section on a license to practice;
- Except as provided in section 4755.471 of the Revised Code, engaging in the division of fees for referral of patients or receiving anything of value in return for a specific referral of a patient to utilize a particular service or business;
- Inability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perception skills;
- The revocation, suspension, restriction, or termination of clinical privileges by the United States department of defense or department of veterans affairs;
- Termination or suspension from participation in the Medicare or Medicaid program established under Title XVIII and Title XIX, respectively, of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C. 301, as amended, for an act or acts that constitute a violation of sections 4755.40 to 4755.56 of the Revised Code;
- Conviction of a misdemeanor when the act that constitutes the misdemeanor occurs during the practice of physical therapy;
- (24)(a) Except as provided in division (A)(24)(b) of this section, failure to cooperate with an investigation conducted by the physical therapy section, including failure to comply with a subpoena or orders issued by the section or failure to answer truthfully a question presented by the section at a deposition or in written interrogatories.(b) Failure to cooperate with an investigation does not constitute grounds for discipline under this section if a court of competent jurisdiction issues an order that either quashes a subpoena or permits the individual to withhold the testimony or evidence at issue.
- Regardless of whether the contact or verbal behavior is consensual, engaging with a patient other than the spouse of the physical therapist assistant, in any of the following:
  (a) Sexual contact, as defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code;
  (b) Verbal behavior that is sexually demeaning to the patient or may be reasonably interpreted by the patient as sexually demeaning.
    - Except as provided in division (B) of this section:

  (a) Waiving the payment of all or any part of a deductible or co-payment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan that covers physical therapy, would otherwise be required to pay if the wavier is used as an enticement to a patient or group of patients to receive health care services from that provider;
  (b) Advertising that the individual will waive the payment of all or any part of a deductible or co-payment that a patient, pursuant to a health insurance or health care policy, contract, or plan that covers physical therapy, would otherwise be required to pay.
    - Violation of any section of this chapter or rule adopted under it.

The complete Revised Code (in regards to physical therapy practice and licensure) may be accessed at: https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/otptat.ohio.gov/PracticeActs/PT_Practice_Act_April_2026.pdf

Therefore, any person to whom any of the above conditions applies may be denied licensure to practice as a physical therapist assistant (PTA) in the State of Ohio.

Criminal Records Checks and Drug Screens: Upon completion of the MTC PTA Program graduates will be eligible to apply for licensure by examination. Section 4755.70 of the Ohio Revised Code requires all individuals applying for a license issued by the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board to submit fingerprints for a criminal records check completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The BCI and FBI records checks are both required for initial licensure. By law, the Board cannot complete the processing of any application until it receives the background check reports from BCI and FBI. The graduate is responsible for the cost of the BCI and FBI records checks.

Potential clinical education sites and employers may also require drug screens and/or criminal records checks/background investigations. The student/graduate may be responsible for the cost of the records check(s) and/or drug screen(s). Individuals who have been convicted, found guilty of, pled guilty to, pled no contest to, entered an Alford plea, received treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction, or received diversion for any of the following crimes (this includes crimes that have been expunged if the crime has a direct and substantial relationship to physical therapy practice) may be ineligible for placement in a clinical education site and/or for employment:

a) A gross misdemeanor committed in Ohio, another State, Commonwealth, Territory, Province, or country.
b) A felony in Ohio, another State, Commonwealth, Territory, Province, or country.
c) A crime involving gross immorality or moral turpitude in Ohio, another State, Commonwealth, Territory, Province, or country.
d) A violation of any municipal, County, State, Commonwealth, or Federal drug law.

**Please Note**: Accepted applicants will be required to submit to a criminal background check facilitated by MTC and conducted by The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. This background check will include, but is not limited to, an analysis of fingerprints and review of prior criminal records. Students with felony, certain misdemeanors or drug-related arrests as specified in section 3701.881 of the Ohio Revised Code will be ineligible for admission into the PTA Program. The submission of any false information to MTC shall be cause for immediate dismissal from the PTA Program.

Accepted applicants will be required to submit to an eight-panel drug screen. In addition, students will be subject to random drug screens. Students who refuse/fail to cooperate will be considered "positive". Unsatisfactory/positive results of the drug screen will result in ineligibility for admission and/or continuation in the program.

PTA Class and Clinical Schedule: Applicants to this program should note that the PTA class and clinical schedule are subject to revision. Applicants to the PTA Program should also be aware that PTA technology classes are scheduled during *daytime hours, MON-FRI*. Clinical affiliations will be held at off-campus sites during daytime hours. PTA students may find it difficult or impossible to maintain full-time employment. A student's ability to maintain employment during the course of this program will vary depending upon the student's scheduled work hours, and individual strengths and weaknesses.

Essential Functions of a PTA: Applicants to MTC's PTA program should be aware that certain physical, visual, hearing, behavioral, and cognitive abilities are necessary to successfully complete the classroom, laboratory, and clinical practicum work required in a PTA education program. These abilities are also necessary to perform the essential functions of a licensed PTA. Please see the PTA Program Director for more details regarding these Essential Functions.

The "Selected Characteristics of Occupations Defined in the Dictionary of Occupational Titles," published by the U.S. Department of Labor, outlines the characteristics required of PTAs. Information from this article has been compiled by the director of the PTA Program and may be found in MTC's *Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Student Handbook*. A copy of this handbook or the U.S. Department of Labor study is available, upon request, from the PTA Program Director.

Application Deadline: ONLINE Applications to the PTA Program at Marion Technical College **must be completed and submitted to Marion Technical College no later than JUNE 15 , 2027**. The PTA Program reserves the right to extend this deadline or admit qualified candidates, on a first come-first served basis in the unlikely event that the class is not filled by the June deadline. Applicants receiving this information later than June 15 are advised to contact the PTA office to learn if seats in the program remain available. We anticipate that **acceptance/rejection letters will be sent to all applicants by June 30, 2027**. Applicants who are not selected into the program, but would like to be considered for a future class, are encouraged to increase their selection point totals and apply the following year.

If you have questions or desire further information, please contact the PTA Program at MTC (740-386-4185).

# INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION TO THE MTC PTA PROGRAM

**Please note: this information is applicable for admission for the fall of 2027 (Class of 2029) only.**

**Is the Program Accredited?** The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at Marion Technical College (MTC) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-308; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

**What is the Application Deadline?** The PTA Program is permitted by CAPTE to accept **up to 24 students** into the technical phase of our program each fall. Applications should be submitted to the PTA Department no later than June 15 of the year they wish to start. Applicants receiving this information later than June 15 are advised to contact the PTA office to learn if seats in the program remain available. In the unlikely event that the class is not filled by June 15, the PTA Program reserves the right to extend this deadline or admit qualified candidates, on a first come-first served basis. We anticipate that the acceptance/rejection letters will be sent to all applicants by June 30 each year.

**What are the requirements for acceptance to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program?**

____ Admission to Marion Technical College (MTC).

____ Completion of high school or college coursework reflecting a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) overall grade point average. (Grade point average for fewer than 12 college semester or quarter hours at one institution will not be considered). Note to high school seniors: Your GPA earned through seven semesters will be used.

____ Completion of the following courses is required prior to acceptance:

--SCI 1200/ BIO 1240—Anatomy and Physiology I --MTH 1240—Statistics
--ENG 1000—English Composition I --HLT 1100- Health Terminology
--PSY 1100—Introduction to Psychology

____ Submission of a total of **TWO (2)** Physical Therapy Observation Verification and Recommendation Forms reflecting a **total of 40** or more clinical hours**. A minimum of 18.75/25 is required for this category. This form is available online or from a PTA Program advisor during an advising meeting. The applicant must submit a total of two (2) forms completed and signed by two (2) different supervising licensed Physical Therapists or Physical Therapist Assistants (**Both of these forms may be from the same facility)** ** *The PTA Program strives to provide each student with a well-rounded clinical education experience. Therefore, it is important to note that you will NOT be placed in a facility where you performed any observation hours or where you have been employed (or where a family member is employed).*

____ Submission of the ONLINE MTC PTA Program Application

**How can I improve my chances for acceptance?**

In the event that more than 24 qualified applications are received prior to the deadline, up to 24 of the most highly qualified candidates will be accepted and an alternate list will be compiled. Point values will be assigned to the following criteria and will be used to place candidates in rank order:

____ ACT score (of 17 or greater composite) **OR** a completed Bachelor's or Master's Degree.

____ Completion of an **additional 10-25** (beyond the required minimum 40) physical therapy observation hours. (Observation hours beyond 65 will not be considered) **OR** completion of and a grade of "B" or higher in PTA 1000 (Introduction to Physical Therapy) taken at Marion Technical College.

____ Highest grade point average (high school or college); (**the highest GPA from one institution will be used**).

____ Completion of and grade of "C" or higher in **one or more** of the following courses (or transfer equivalent):

- SCI 1200/ BIO 1240 (Anatomy & Physiology I)
- SCI 1250/ BIO 1250 (Anatomy & Physiology II)
- MTH 1240/1241 (Statistics) **Note that Quantitative Reasoning can be substituted here.

____ Current, valid licensure/certification from one or more areas on the following list will add a maximum of 1 points to the ACT score category.

## Approved Licensure/Certification List for Application Score Sheet

Copy of license/certification should be submitted with Application

- LMT—Licensed Massage Therapist
- STNA—State Tested Nurse Aide***
- Medical Assistant Certified
- LPN—Licensed Practical Nurse
- RN—Registered Nurse***
- AT—Athletic Trainer
- CSCS—Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the NSCA
- NSCA-CPT—Certified Personal Trainer through the NSCA***
- OTA—Occupational Therapy Assistant***
- Completion of Tri-Rivers PT Aide program

***- These programs of study are available at Marion Technical College

INFORMATION REGARDING ADMISSION TO THE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM

## How do I complete the observation hour requirement?

- *MTC PTA applicants are required to observe a minimum of forty (40) hours* of physical therapy in action in order to enhance their knowledge of this specialty.

- Applicants may contact any facility that provides physical therapy services (hospital, skilled nursing facility/nursing home, outpatient facility, etc). Applicants should speak with the Physical Therapy or Physical Rehabilitation Department to arrange the observation experience.

- Observation hours are scored based on two criteria:
  - ✓ Number of hours completed:
    - Up to seven (7) points for completing a maximum total of 65 hours of observation.
  - ✓ Recommendation of the supervising licensed PTs/PTAs:
    - Up to twenty-five (25) points can be earned toward their application based upon the average of **two (2) different** licensed PTs/PTAs recommendations from the second page of the observation verification and recommendation form.
    - ***NOTE: applicants must earn a minimum of 18.75/25 for admission***

- A **total of two (2) and ONLY two (2)** observation verification and recommendation forms from **two (2) different** supervising licensed PTs/PTAs are required to be considered for admission to the PTA Program.
  - ✓ The supervising licensed PTs/PTAs completing and signing each form cannot be related to the applicant.
  - ✓ The program will not consider recommendation forms from more than two (2) supervising licensed PTs/PTAs.
  - ✓ Only one facility is required, however applicants may complete hours at up to **a maximum of two (2) different facilities** to complete this requirement.

- The applicant will provide the Observation Verification and Recommendation Access Form to the chosen supervising PT or PTA once completed.

  - ✓ At the completion of hours, the applicant will submit the observation verification and recommendation access form to the licensed PT/PTA from which the applicant is seeking a recommendation
  - ✓ The supervising licensed PT/PTA will complete the online PTA Observation and Recommendation Form **out of the line of sight** of the applicant and submit it online.

- **The observation verification and recommendation form MUST be completed by the therapist named in the form.**

- The information provided on the observation verification and recommendation form is subject to audit. Applicants providing inaccurate or false information will be removed from consideration.

- **Further information is available on the PTA Admissions LMS site.**

- Any questions should be directed to the PTA office at (740) 386-4185 or 4156.

## How do I complete the Video Reflection assignments?

- Students must complete FIVE (5) Video Reflection assignments with a minimum of 90% on each assignment. (Only assignments with at least a 90% will be considered completed)

- To complete the Video Reflection Assignments, students will need to do the following:
  - Be enrolled at MTC as a student
  - Email Chad Hensel, Program Director at henselc@mtc.edu to request assignment access.
  - Upon receipt of your email, PTA Director or Administrative Assistant will enroll the student in the "PTA Admissions" online course through Canvas and the student will receive an email invitation.
  - The student will now have access to all videos and assignments which may be completed and submitted online.
  - Students will be able to receive and print a certificate of competition for each assignment for their records when a 90% score is achieved.

Marion Technical College is committed to providing equal opportunities for all students, employees, and guests of the College. Marion Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, genetic information, medical status, military status, national origin, nursing parent status, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, parent and foster parent status protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law.

The College is committed to maintaining an environment free from discrimination and harassment and will comply with protections named in the law, including:
(1) Americans with Disabilities Act;
(2) Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
(3) Age Discrimination in Employment Act;
(4) Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act;
(5) Ohio Revised Code Section 4112;
(6) Pregnancy Discrimination Act;
(7) Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
(8) Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
(9) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972;
(10) Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; and,
(11) Any other laws or executive orders related to equal opportunity.
Students, employees, and guests of the College can report discrimination or harassment complaints or submit questions regarding the scope of this policy to the applicable compliance coordinators:
(1) Disability Discrimination:
ADA Coordinator
(740) 386-4222
adacoordinator@mtc.edu
(2) Title VI, Title VII, and Employment Discrimination:
Human Resources Manager
(740) 386-4195
(3) Title IX and Sex-based Discrimination and Harassment:
Title IX Coordinator
(740) 386-4195
titleix@mtc.edu
(4) All other discrimination complaints:
Chief of Staff
(740) 386-4217

# 2027 Marion Technical College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Applicant Scoring Sheet

The following scoring system will be used to determine up to 24 of the most qualified candidates. This information is provided for the applicant's information only. **Do not** return this form with your application.

| Possible Score | | Score |
|---|---|---|
| 1 points<br>2 points<br>3 points<br>4 points<br>5 points<br>6 points<br>7 points<br>8 points<br>9 points<br>10 points | **American College Test (ACT) -** Choose one of the following if applicable:<br>• Score of 17<br>• Score of 18<br>• Score of 19<br>• Score of 20<br>• Score of 21<br>• Score of 22 (or completed Bachelor's Degree)<br>• Score of 23 (or completed Master's Degree)<br>• Score of 24<br>• Score of 25<br>• Score of 26+ | |
| 1 points | Valid current nationally recognized **certification or licensure** in health/allied health field or Tri-Rivers PT Aide program. (See approved list) Added to ACT category score. | |
| 25 points possible | **Grade Point Average (GPA)—2.5 minimum**<br>Use the GPA (on 4.0 scale) achieved at **one** of the following: high school, GED with accompanying transcript reflecting work completed; college transcript reflecting 12 semester or quarter hrs at one institution. For high school seniors: Your GPA earned through seven semesters will be used.<br>GPA x 6.25 = _____ points | |
| 0 points<br><br>5 points<br>7 points | **Completion of Physical Therapy Observation Hours -**completion of minimum required 40 hrs (all applicants MUST complete a minimum of 40 hrs)<br>• completion of additional **10 hrs** (total of 50 hrs) (**OR *completion of PTA 1000 with a grade of "B")***<br>• completion of total of additional **25 hrs** (total of 65 hrs) (**OR *completion of PTA 1000 with a grade of "A")*** (Hours beyond 65 will not be used for consideration of this application.) | |
| 0 points | **Completion of FIVE Video Reflection Assignments with a minimum grade of 90%**<br>--completion of these is required for application<br>--video content is found on the PTA Admissions webpage—students may gain access by contacting Chad Hensel henselc@mtc.edu | |
| 0-25 points possible | **Physical Therapy Observation Hours – Recommendations**<br>(Forms not e-signed by a licensed PT or PTA will not be considered.) (**Minimum score of 18.75** required for admission)<br>Average of PT/PTA 1 & 2:_____ + _____ /2 = _____x 1.3889=_____points | |
| 12 points<br>9 points<br>5 points<br><br><br>12 points<br>9 points<br>5 points<br><br>9 points<br>5 points<br>3 points | **Completed PTA curriculum –**<br>**(**Only required course work completed prior to application will be considered.)<br>• **Completion of A&P I (SCI 1200/ BIO 1240) or transfer equivalent** (choose one)<br>• A- to A+<br>• B+ to B-<br>• C+ to C<br>Grades lower than C will not be scored<br>• **Completion of A&P II (SCI 1250/ BIO 1250) or transfer equivalent** (choose one)<br>• A- to A+<br>• B+ to B-<br>• C+ to C<br>Grades lower than C will not be scored<br>• **Completion of Statistics (MTH 1240) or transfer equivalent** (choose one)<br>• A- to A+<br>• B+ to B-<br>• C+ to C<br>Grades lower than C will not be scored | |
| | **Applicant Total Score (100 Possible)** | **/100** |

**(***This Form is Optional, your application will still be considered if this form is not returned)**