Physical Therapist Assistant – Associate in Applied Science
Degree Total Approved Hours Required: **72**
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PROGRAM OF STUDY: Pre-Entry Course Requirements. Any additional prerequisite coursework required to complete pre-entry courses are not factored into total program hours.

Selective Admissions to Health Sciences Programs Prerequisites

Rationale: Students who wish to declare a major in some health professions programs must meet minimum criteria to apply. Admission to a program in the School of Health Professions is selective due to availability and limitations of practicum sites and limitations in the number of students who can be accommodated in clinical groups. All students interested in this program should consult a Student Success Advisor at their campus of their choice. The programs in the School of Health Professions require clinical or field experience as part of the curriculum. A criminal background check, drug screen, and documentation of current immunizations are required (at the student's expense) for participation in clinical or other field experiences. Specific academic criteria for admission are on the second page of this document.

Application Requirements		**Cr. Hrs.**
Math Proficiency	Placement into MTH 160 **OR** completion of MTH 140S: Intermediate Algebra w/ Support or higher with a grade of "C" or higher. ***MTH 161, 165, 166, or 180 will NOT meet the math requirement for the PTA program.***	0-5
Reading Proficiency		
English Proficiency	Placement into ENG 101: College Composition I **OR** completion of ENG 101: College Composition I with a grade of "C" or higher. Completion of ENG 102: College Composition II will also meet this requirement.	0-3
BIO 111 or BIO 140 or CHM 101	Completion of Introductory Biology with a grade of "C" or higher **OR** completion of Principles of Biology I with a grade of "C" or higher **OR** completion of Fundamentals of Chemistry I with a "C" or higher.	4-5
BIO 207*	Completion of Anatomy and Physiology I with a grade of "C" or higher.	4

General Education Requirements (*not* required to apply):		
ENG 101 or ENG 102	College Composition I **OR** College Composition II completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	3
COM 101 or COM 107	Oral Communication I **OR** Public Speaking completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	3
PSY 200	General Psychology completed with a grade of "C" or higher. **Required prior to PSY 205**.	3
PSY 205	Human Growth and Development completed with a grade of "C" or higher	3
XXX xxx	Missouri Civics Requirement completed with a grade of "C" or higher.	3
BIO 208	Anatomy and Physiology II completed with a grade of "C" or higher. **Required prior or concurrently with PTA 120. Required prior to PTA 150.**	4

Program Requirements (must be completed with a "C" or higher):		
	First Semester	
PTA 110	Kinesiology Fundamentals; ***Offered Fall and Spring, can be taken concurrently with PTA 120. This course is not major restricted.***	5
PTA 100	Introduction to Physical Therapist Assistant	2
	Second Semester	
PTA 120	Applied Science of the Movement System; ***Offered Fall and Spring, must be completed during the first year of the program. This course is not major restricted.***	3
PTA 130	Data Collection and Intervention Techniques for the Physical Therapist Asst.	4
	Third Semester (Summer)	
PTA 140	Fundamentals of Patient Care for the Physical Therapist Asst.	4
PTA 150	Medical Conditions in Rehabilitation	3
	Fourth Semester	
PTA 200	Clinical Education I	3
PTA 206	Physical Agents	3
PTA 220	Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation Concepts I	7
	Fifth Semester	
PTA 230	Therapeutic Exercise and Rehabilitation Concepts II	3
PTA 240	Health Occupation Seminar	2
PTA 250	Clinical Education II	4
PTA 260	Clinical Education III	4
	Total Hours Required	72-73

***BIO 207 must be completed within five years of applying to the program.**
Please visit the interactive class schedule for information regarding class times.

Admission to St. Louis Community College does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapy Assistant program. Below is a pre-entry checklist.

	General Pre-entry Requirements for the Physical Therapy Assistant program:	Check
1	**Application submitted for admission to STLCC.** Please visit www.stlcc.edu/apply.	
2	**Degree Seeking Status.** Official College Transcripts - An official transcript from each college attended must be sent directly from the college attended to the STLCC-Registrar's Office and fully evaluated. Please visit https://stlcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-stlcc/transfer-students/transferring-credit-to-stlcc.aspx for more information.	
3	**Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.** *Developmental courses (numbered below 100) completed at any institution will not be counted toward the minimum cumulative GPA. The minimum 2.5 GPA must be maintained while on the PTA Applicant List. A minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained once enrolled into the PTA Program.* • STLCC students with at least 15 college level credits with a 2.5 GPA will meet this requirement, regardless of the GPA at other colleges. College transfer students with fewer than 15 STLCC credits must have a cumulative 2.5 GPA in college level credits earned at all colleges attended.	
4	**Reading Proficiency:** Please see the placement chart for a comprehensive list of reading placement criteria: https://stlcc.edu/office-of-the-registrar/reading-placement.aspx	
5	**Placement into MTH 160 Precalculus Algebra**. *Placement can be achieved by one of the following:* • Accuplacer: A score of 231 or higher on the Advanced Algebra and Functions section of the math Accuplacer test within the last three years. • SAT: A score of 540 or higher on the math SAT within the last three years. • ACT A score of 22 or higher on the math ACT within the last three years. • HS Coursework: Algebra II or higher within the last 12 months. • HiSet: A score of 15 or higher on the math HiSet within the last three years. **Completion of MTH 140S or higher with a grade of "C" or higher will also fulfill this requirement.** ***Prerequisites:*** • Reading Proficiency	
6	**Placement into ENG 101 College Composition I.** *Placement can be achieved by one of the following:* • Accuplacer: A score of 250 or higher on the English Accuplacer placement test within the last three years within the last three years. • SAT: A score of 500 or higher on the English SAT within the last three years. • ACT: An ACT English Sub-Score of 18 or higher within the last three years. • HS GPA: A cumulative HS GPA of 2.6 or higher. • HS Coursework: Last two years of high school English grades were "B" average or better **OR** last year of high school English grades were "A" average AND HS GPA is a 2.5 or higher. • HiSet: A score of 15 or higher on the English HiSet within the last three years. • Completion of ENG 070 or EML 072 with a grade of "C" or higher. **Completion of ENG 101 or ENG 102 with a grade of "C" or higher will also fulfill this requirement.**	
7	**Introductory Science Prerequisite: BIO 111 OR BIO 140 OR CHM 101 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.** ***Prerequisites:*** • Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079 (BIO 111) • MTH 140 or MTH 140S or MTH 160S with a grade of "C" or higher or placement into MTH 160, and Reading Proficiency (BIO 140) • MTH 109 or higher with a grade of "C" or higher, or placement into a higher math class, and Reading Proficiency (CHM 101)	
8	**Anatomy and Physiology I: BIO 207 completed with a grade of "C" or higher within 5 years of applying to the program.** ***Prerequisites:*** • BIO 111 or BIO 140 or CHM 101 with a grade of "C" or higher or college-level course equivalent and Reading Proficiency	
	When the above criteria have been met, students must submit a signed PTA Program application. The application must be signed by both the student and Student Success Advisor. Completed applications must be emailed to stlcc-physicaltherapist@stlcc.edu. Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted or processed. All communication from the PTA program will be sent to *STLCC student email addresses only*. No communication will be mailed or faxed to students. *Admission and degree requirements are subject to change without advance notice.*	