HOWARD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE
Health Sciences Pathway – Program Code #282

Program Planner 2025-2026

PRE- AND CO-REQUISITE COURSEWORK

Course Number	General Education Core	Term/Planning Notes	Credits Required	Pre- / Co-Requisites
BIOL-101 *or* BIOL-107 *or* BIOL-200	General Biology I *or* Fundamentals of Microbiology *or* Microbiology	Completed within 10 years of entry into the program	4	Prerequisite
ENGL-121	College Composition		3	Prerequisite
MATH-138	Statistics		4	Prerequisite
BIOL-203	Anatomy and Physiology I	Completed within 5 years of entry into the program with a 'B' or higher	4	*Co-requisite
BIOL-204	Anatomy and Physiology II	Completed within 5 years of entry into the program	4	*Co-requisite
PSYC-101	General Psychology		3	*Co-requisite
COMM-101 *or* COMM-105 *or* COMM-110	Speech Requirement		3	*Co-requisite

Although not required, it is recommended that co-requisites are completed prior to enrollment into clinical courses.

CLINICAL COURSEWORK

Course Number	Course	Credits	Term
PTAP-100	Introduction to Physical Therapy	2	Fall
PTAP-110	Fundamentals of Practice I	3	Fall
PTAP-120	Clinical Kinesiology	3	Fall
PTAP-130	Therapeutic Modalities	3	Fall
PTAP-150	Clinical Pathology	3	Spring
PTAP-160	Orthopedic Dysfunctions I	3	Spring
PTAP-210	Fundamentals of Practice II	3	Spring
PTAP-240	Therapeutic Exercise	3	Spring
PTAP-214	Clinical Education I	2	Summer
PTAP-265	Professional Issues in Physical Therapy	1	Summer
PTAP-250	Clinical Neuroscience	3	Fall
PTAP-255	Clinical Correlations for Physical Therapy	3	Fall
PTAP-260	Orthopedic Dysfunctions II	3	Fall
PTAP-270	Clinical Education II	4	Spring
PTAP-275	Clinical Education III	4	Spring
Total Program Credits:		68	

*As of Fall 2022, ALL students are required to show proof of health insurance. HCC does not provide or sponsor health insurance for students.

<u>ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS</u>:

- If not already an accepted student to Howard Community College (HCC), please submit HCC's online application for admission, <u>Apply for Credit Programs</u>. Select the PTA area of study, as well as the program code—282.
- Submit official college transcript(s) and <u>Transcript Evaluation Request Form</u>, if transferring courses from other academic institution/s.
- Submit the Physical Therapist Assistant Supplemental Application with one-time fee of $25 and two documents verifying residency (*Howard County residents only*). **The online application for Fall admission may be found at your application account between September 15 and January 15.**
- Submit documentation showing completion of a minimum of 50 hours of PT clinical observation experience.
- All pre- and co-requisites must be completed with a 'C' or higher unless otherwise stated.
- A cumulative HCC GPA **of 2.25 or higher is required.**

<u>SELECTION OF STUDENTS</u>:

- Randomized digital lottery systems are held whenever the number of qualified new applicants exceeds the number of available seats.
- **Priority is given to applicants with pre- and co-requisites completed by application deadline.**
- Within the lottery, students are selected in the following order:
  1. Howard County residents
  2. In-state, out-of-county residents
  3. Out-of-state residents
- Applicants' names are randomly selected, and each qualified applicant is offered a seat or assigned a waitlist number based upon order of selection.
- As seats become available, waitlisted students will be admitted into the program.
- A waitlist will be maintained but will not roll over to the next year. Students on the waitlist who do not receive a seat will need to submit a new supplemental application during the next application period.

<u>PROGRAM ACCREDITATION</u>:

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Howard Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, VA 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 443.518.4380 or email lrobertssweeney@howardcc.edu

<u>QUESTIONS</u>:

Admissions email: admissions@howardcc.edu or visit the Office of Admissions located in the RCF Building.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>:

A Drug Screening and Criminal Background Check will be required prior to enrollment in any nursing/allied health clinical course in order to ensure the safety of patients in the clinical setting. Students who do not comply with the drug screening and criminal background check are ineligible for placement in clinical agencies and therefore are not able to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. Students with a criminal background may be unable to progress in the clinical nursing/allied health program. It is the students' responsibility to know whether they are eligible for licensure. If a student has a criminal background, it is the students' responsibility to explore whether the background will prohibit them from being licensed and employed in the health care industry. HCC faculty and staff are NOT able to provide legal advice. If you have any questions about your existing criminal background, you may wish to discuss this with legal counsel.

The college reserves the right to change unilaterally, without notification, any requirement, fee or program if it is deemed necessary.