



MT. HOOD
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Physical Therapist Assistant
Program Application
Associate of Applied Science Degree
Fall Entry 2012

APPLICATION OPEN AND CLOSE DATES:

- **Open date:** Monday, July 11, 2011 - Applicants can begin submitting program applications.
- **Close date:** Friday, March 30, 2012 - All required documentation listed on the application checklist must be received by the Admissions, Registration and Records Office no later than 5 p.m.

Please mail all application materials to:

Mt. Hood Community College
Admissions, Registration, and Records
Physical Therapist Assistant - Application
26000 SE Stark Street
Gresham, OR 97030

Dear Physical Therapist Assistant Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program!

The PTA program is both exciting and challenging. It offers graduates the opportunities for employment in a variety of settings and for a lifelong career that is personally fulfilling.

The application materials contain the following:

- Admissions Process and Criteria
- Admission Criteria Worksheet
- Verification of Work/Observation Experience
- Clinical Reference Form for PTA Applicant
- PTA Admission Form
- Application Packet Checklist
- Admissions Processing Timeline
- Program Overview
- Further Program Requirements Once Accepted
- Demands of the Program and Career
- Program Costs
- Program Curriculum

The program poses personal and academic challenges. I strongly suggest that you prepare well by doing the following:

- Review the following pages and the FAQ section of the program webpage.
www.mhcc.edu/PTA.aspx?id=1881
- Visit, volunteer and talk with therapists and assistants in a variety of settings to be sure that this is the right fit and the right level of the profession for you.
- Attend a program information session. Schedule and directions included.
- Talk with an MHCC advisor regarding general education coursework planning and transferability of completed college coursework.

Questions about the *application process* can be directed to the Admissions Evaluator at (503) 491-7165 after review of materials.

Questions about the *program* can be directed to Debbie Van Dover at debbie.vandover@mhcc.edu or (503) 491-7465 after review of materials.

I wish you luck with your educational and career pursuits.

Sincerely,
Debbie Van Dover, PT, M.Ed.
Director of Physical Therapist Assistant Program

ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission of all students is centralized in the Admissions, Registration and Records Office. Admission to Mt. Hood Community College does not guarantee admission to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. The Admissions, Registration and Records Office has the final authority on what constitutes equivalency for all admission criteria and has the sole authority to inform students of their admission status.

If you have questions regarding admission procedures please contact the Admissions, Registration and Records Office at 503-491-7165.

All transcripts documenting required coursework must be official. Transcripts are considered official if they are issued directly by the school or college, are mailed or delivered to MHCC in an unopened sealed envelope and are recently dated.

All documents must be received by March 30, 2012 at 5:00pm. No Exceptions.

APPLICANT ASSESSMENT: The admission process is designed to ensure each admitted applicant is prepared to be successful in the program and the career field. Applicants are assessed through:

- **Academic Performance**
- **Physical Therapy Exposure**
- **Group Interview**

Complete details are provided in the Selection Process and Admission Criteria section.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: a checklist of required documents is provided as part of the application packet and the checklist must be submitted as well. The documents include:

- Signed PTA Application Checklist
- MHCC PTA Admission Form – This form is required as part of the application process. It also enables you to begin taking general courses at Mt. Hood Community College during the application process for this program
- Program Application Fee: This fee of \$25.00 is due by the application deadline. Submit the \$25.00 non-refundable Physical Therapist Assistant application fee with the packet. Your application will not be considered without the fee.
- Clinical Reference Form For PTA Applicant
- Observation of Work/Observation Experience
- Admission Criteria Worksheet
- Other official documents as described in the packet and on the checklist.
Official Transcripts: Transcripts are considered official if they are issued directly by the school or college, are mailed or delivered in an unopened envelope and are recently dated. If Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) holds your official transcript from another college for a previous recent admission requirement, you may ask for that transcript to be placed in your packet. However, in some cases, it may be necessary to provide an updated transcript or verification of non-attendance from that college. MHCC transcripts will be ordered and placed in your application packet if it has been indicated as a college attended.

SELECTION PROCESS & ADMISSION CRITERIA

Class selection is done via a point system. While the point system is not published, it is largely based on the following 3 criteria which are fairly equally weighed.

To be eligible for admission, applicants must demonstrate the following:

ACADEMIC SUCCESS:

This portion of the selection process is based on a cumulative GPA of the following four prerequisite courses (or equivalent if taken at a different college). Determination of equivalency is determined by the admissions evaluator. Courses must be *completed* by the application deadline, and official transcripts which verify completion of these courses must be submitted by the application deadline.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK must be completed by the deadline.

- **MTH65 - Beginning Algebra II** or higher (*except MTH211*)
- **WR121 - English Composition** or higher.
- **BI121 & BI122 – Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II** or completion of an anatomy and physiology series equal to or higher than BI121 & BI122.

Course work must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. The cumulative GPA of these courses must be 2.5 or higher to qualify for consideration. All courses must be taken for a letter grade to be considered for selection.

PHYSICAL THERAPY OBSERVATION OR WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Completion of at least 20 hours of work experience or observation with a reference form from one Physical Therapist (PT) or Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is required when the application is submitted.
- Other experience including further observation, information interviews, self or family participation in physical therapy, work in a related healthcare field will be self-reported at the time of the interview.
- Please note that strong candidates are those who have gained some exposure to the physical therapy field in a *variety of settings*. Setting types include sites such as out-patient clinics, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, or home health agencies.

GROUP INTERVIEW:

Once the application deadline has passed, the admissions evaluator and the academic faculty will review the applications to score the academics and review the observation and statement of support from a clinician. The top 80 applicants will then be invited to interview for selection into the program.

The interviews will be conducted with 2 program representatives and 10 applicants at a time. Applicants should prepare for this interview as if for a professional job interview. Applicants will be asked to respond to questions in writing and verbally.

OTHER FACTORS:

In addition, points are awarded to those who were previously chosen as alternates, interviewed but not chosen for the class or alternate, or had submitted a complete application in a previous year.

For more details about the selection criteria go to: www.mhcc.edu/PTA.aspx?id=1923 FAQ section

TRANSCRIPTS REQUIREMENTS

- **Recent Documents** - All transcripts documenting required coursework must be official. Official transcripts are considered official if they are issued directly by the school or college, are mailed or delivered in an unopened envelope and are recently dated. If Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) holds your official transcript from another college for a previous recent admission requirement, you may ask for that transcript to be placed in your packet. However, in some cases, it may be necessary to provide an updated transcript or verification of non-attendance from that college. MHCC transcripts will be ordered and placed in your application packet if it has been indicated as a college attended.
- **Non-accredited college transcripts** - will not be considered in the initial evaluation of your application nor can they be considered toward any degree requirements. They may however, be used toward proof of related education and work experience if you are invited for an interview and should be submitted for review by the application deadline.
- **Transfer coursework from foreign Institutions** - must be evaluated by the application deadline by an outside credential evaluation service. The evaluation company must be either AACRAO Foreign Education Credential Service (www.aacrao.org) or a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES). For a list of NACES memberships, please refer to their web site at www.naces.org. The evaluation must be a course-by-course evaluation with an official copy submitted to the Admissions, Registration and Records Office. The coursework must be considered to be at a post-secondary level, have comparable MHCC accreditation status and be parallel in content to MHCC coursework. The outside evaluation must also be completed for secondary level education for any evaluation of that coursework toward MHCC admission requirements. **NOTE: In addition to the evaluation from an outside credential evaluation service, you must also submit course descriptions in English for any course you wish to have evaluated for transfer.**

SAMPLE



ADMISSION CRITERIA WORKSHEET

Applicant Name: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND SUBMITTED AS PART OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION.

ACADEMIC CRITERIA				
MHCC PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM	Course Number	GRADE (Must be "C" or better. Must equal 2.50 gpa or better)	*EARNED AT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	TERM & YEAR COMPLETED
MTH065 - Beginning Algebra II or higher. (except MTH211) This requirement can be waived with a Bachelors Degree or Higher.				
WR121 – English Composition or higher. This requirement can be waived with a Bachelors Degree or Higher.				
BI121 & BI122 – Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II OR <u>Completion of an anatomy and physiology series equal to or higher than BI121 & BI122.</u>				

SAMPLE

NOTE:** Official (**sealed**) transcripts from all institutions where above courses have been taken must be attached to this application or be on file in the Admissions, Registration & Records Office. (Mt. Hood Community College transcripts do not need to be attached.***)

VERIFICATION OF WORK/OBSERVATION EXPERIENCE

Applicant Name: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND SUBMITTED AS PART OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION.

Name of facility or clinic	PT or PTA contact for clinic	Dates and hours of work or observation
Need at least 20 hours of work or observation experience for submission of application		Total hours

Please have one clinician fill out the reference form, seal in an envelope, and have that clinician sign across the seal of the envelope. The applicant will submit the reference form along with the other application materials.

PTA faculty may contact the clinic to verify work or observation hours.

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- Other experience including further observation, information interviews, self or family participation in physical therapy, work in a related healthcare field will be self-reported at the time of the interview.
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CLINICAL REFERENCE FORM FOR PTA APPLICANT

Dear PT or PTA Clinician,

Thank you for taking a few moments to provide a reference for the PTA applicant in their work or observation experience. We value your confidential input to assist in the selection of our PTA class.

Please complete this page, seal in an envelope, sign across the seal and return to the applicant, who will turn it in with other application materials.

Name of applicant: _____

Name of facility: _____

Your name: _____

Please rate the candidate on the following attributes by checking in the appropriate column:

Attribute	Excellent	Adequate	Of Concern
Commitment to Learning			
Communication			
Interpersonal Skills			
Professionalism			

Other general comments:

Any red flags/concerns regarding suitability for the role of the PTA?

Your signature: _____

Thank you for your assistance!



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ADMISSION FORM

Admissions, Registration and Records Office, 26000 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, OR 97030

For new students and students returning after four terms or more. Please fill out and return by one of the following ways: fax to 503-491-7388, mail to the address above or bring to the Student Services Office at the Gresham Campus. For questions, call 503-491-7393.

*Providing your social security number (SSN) is voluntary. If you provide it, Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) will use your SSN for keeping records, doing research, reporting, extending credit, and collecting debts. MHCC will not use your number to make any decision directly affecting you or any other person. Your SSN will not be given to the general public. If you choose not to provide your SSN, you will not be denied any rights as a student. Please refer to the Disclosure Statement listed on the MHCC Web site at www.mhcc.edu/ssn, which describes how your number will be used. Providing your SSN means that you consent to the use of your number in the manner described. It will be necessary for you to provide your SSN if applying for federal financial aid, tax credits and the MHCC Student Installment Note.

Returning Students: MHCC ID Number _____

* Social Security Number _____

Name _____
LAST FIRST M.I.

Previous name(s) _____

Address _____ Apt# _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COUNTY (i.e. Multnomah) _____

E-mail _____

MHCC Major Physical Therapist Assistant
(see www.mhcc.edu/programs)

Phone _____ Gender: M F

Racial / Ethnic Information: (Your response is voluntary)
Do you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino:
 Yes No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:
-American Indian or Alaskan Native -Asian
-African American or Black -White
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Residency Status – required for assessing tuition charges.
Will you have lived in Oregon 90 days prior to the 1st day of the term?
-yes -no AND, check one below:

-Permanent resident of Oregon, CA, ID, WA or NV
-Permanent resident outside of Oregon, CA, ID, WA or NV
-International Student (requires an I-20)
-International Visitor (B, J, H or other non-student Visa)
Please tell us your Visa type: _____

Term Summer Fall Winter Spring
Year _____

Previous college(s) attended _____

What is your attendance history at MHCC?
-New Student
-Attended MHCC more than four terms ago

What is the date (or expected date) of your high school graduation?
 (H)-High School Graduate, Yr _____
 (S)-Still in High School, Yr _____

If GED or Adult High School Diploma, what is the date awarded or expected date?
 (D)-Adult High School Diploma, Yr _____
 (G)-GED, Yr _____

OR
 (N)-Did not complete high school
 Check here if Home Schooled

Name of last high school attended: _____
State: _____

What is the highest level of education / training you have received beyond high school?
 (0)-None
 (1)-Some college, short-term training, private vocational school
 (2)-1-year certificate from a community college
 (3)-2-year degree from a community college
 (4)-Bachelor's degree
 (5)-Master's degree
 (6)-Ph.D. / Professional degree

A person voluntarily becomes a student at MHCC and thereby assumes the obligation of abiding by the standards prescribed in the "Student Code of Conduct" found at www.mhcc.edu/coc.

Do you plan to earn a degree, certificate or diploma at MHCC?
 (A)-Yes, a 1-year certificate or 2-year degree
 (B)-Yes, High School diploma or GED
 (C)-No, here to take classes
 (D)-Undecided

Select the one main reason for attending MHCC this term.
 (A)-Take classes to transfer to a 4-year college
 (B)-Learn skills to get a job
 (C)-Improve existing job skills
 (D)-Explore career or educational options
 (E)-Take classes to finish High School or GED
 (F)-Improve reading, writing or math skills
 (G)-Learn English
 (H)-Personal interest / enrichment
 (I)-Other

Will you be employed while attending classes this term?
 (F)-Yes, full-time (35+ hours per week)
 (P)-Yes, part-time (Less than 35 hours per week)
 (N)-No, not employed
Check here if you are a U.S. Veteran:
 Yes

"Student Right to Know" information is available at www.mhcc.edu/righttoknow.

If you need assistance due to a disability, please contact the Disability Services Office at (503)-491-6923 or at (503)-491-7670 (TDD).

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Read before submitting: I acknowledge I am legally obligated to pay all charges incurred by registering. Charges may include late fees, reasonable collection costs, attorney fees, and Oregon Department of Revenue charges for the collection of all delinquent debts owed to the college. By not paying all charges at the time they are incurred, I acknowledge that this debt is considered education debt/loan and that the educational debt is non-dischargeable under Section 523 (a) (8) of the US Bankruptcy Code. There is no statute of limitation on the collection of educational debt. To have course tuition/fee charges removed, I must process a drop or withdrawal on MyMHCC or through the Admissions, Registration and Records Office within the refund period.

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Email: _____

Your completed packet must include the items listed below. Include this checklist with your application materials. Any item being mailed must arrive on or before the application deadline. No exceptions.

GENERAL DOCUMENTS

- Application Checklist** – signed and dated
- PTA Admission Form** – You must submit this form even if you are a current or previous student at MHCC
- Admission Criteria Worksheet**
- Verification of Work/Observation Experience**
- Clinical Reference form for PTA Applicant**
- \$25.00 Physical Therapist Assistant application processing fee**

- College Coursework** – applicable to admissions criteria
 - Official (unopened) transcripts
 - Included (if you have listed Mt. Hood Community College as a college you have attended, we will pull those transcripts for your application).
 - Being Mailed
 - On file at MHCC

Have you applied to this program previously?

- No
- Yes - Year you applied: _____ If yes, were you an Alternate: Yes No

EMAIL ACCOUNT:

- Applicants need to obtain an email address if they do not already have one. MHCC's Admissions, Registration and Records office will send all application notification by email. If email is not an option for you please contact the Physical Therapist Assistant admissions evaluator at 503-491-7165.

It is the applicant's responsibility to set the "spam filter" feature to accept email addresses containing @mhcc.edu. Do this even if currently receiving emails from MHCC. MHCC cannot be responsible for notices which are not received due to spam or junk mail handling.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW & FURTHER CONSIDERATION – ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- By checking this box and signing below you are acknowledging that you have read the **"Program Overview" and "Further Program Requirements once Accepted"** portion of this application packet online.

Applicant's signature

Date

Due to the high volume of program applicants, candidates are not guaranteed notification of missing application items. It is your responsibility to ensure all items are received by the application deadline. **MAIL APPLICATION TO:**

**PTA - Application MHCC/Admissions
26000 SE Stark St
Gresham, OR 97030**

INFORMATION MEETINGS

PTA Information meetings will be held from 3 pm to 4 pm and 6 pm to 7 pm, in the Allied Health Conference Room, 2761, on the following dates: www.mhcc.edu/alliedhealthinfo						
Driving Directions & Campus Maps: www.mhcc.edu/maps						
2011	October 3	November 7	December 5			
2012	January 9	February 6	March 5	April 2	May 7	June 4

ADMISSIONS PROCESSING TIMELINE

Dates	Action
July 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application available & may be submitted to the Admissions, Registration & Records Office
March 30, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application deadline – by 5:00pm - no exceptions
Late April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitations to interview mailed (top 80 candidates only)
Early May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews held
Mid May 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notification of results of the interview mailed Top 24 candidates accepted into program Next 16 candidates placed on an alternate list.
Dates are subject to adjustment.	<p>Alternates are offered a position in the class if any of the first 24 candidates decline a position in the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates not accepted for a position are welcome to apply again the following year.

TOTAL COST OF PTA PROGRAM AS OF FALL 2011

Item	Cost
Tuition (assume in-state and all 103 credits)	\$9450
College Service Fee (charged each term)	\$240
Parking Fee	\$200
Individual Course Fees	\$950
Criminal Background Check	\$56
Immunizations and Training Requirements for clinicals (cost will be less if student covered by personal health insurance)	\$400
PTA textbooks and lecture packets	\$800
General Education textbooks	\$600
Professional Exam and licensure application costs	\$600
TOTAL	\$13,296

Note:

- Costs are “best estimates” and subject to change
- Additional costs are required for some clinical sites (drug screen, other training requirements) and students are informed of those prior to making clinical selections

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Debbie VanDover, PT, M.Ed. (503) 491-7465 Room 2769 Email: Debbie.VanDover@mhcc.edu

CAREER DESCRIPTION: Physical therapist assistants (PTAs) work under the supervision of a physical therapist. Their duties include assisting the physical therapist in implementing treatment programs according to the plan of care; performing physical therapy interventions including exercise instruction, gait training, massage, hydrotherapy, pool therapy, modality treatments; and documenting the care provided. PTAs are responsible for monitoring patient's responses to treatments and reporting to the physical therapist, as appropriate. PTAs must complete a 2-year education program, usually offered in a community or junior college. The course of study includes general education courses, technical courses on physical therapy procedures and clinical experience. Graduates receive an associate's degree.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

<http://www.mhcc.edu/catalog/>

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Two years for a total of 8 terms beginning in the summer

CORE CLASSES TIME SCHEDULE: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ENROLLMENT LIMIT PER YEAR: 24

AVERAGE NUMBER OF GRADUATES PER YEAR: 22-24

LICENSURE PASS RATES: 85-100% on the first attempt; 100% ultimate pass rates

DEGREE AWARDED: Associate of Applied Science (AAS), Physical Therapist Assistant

TRANSFER CONSIDERATIONS: for information related to earning a Master's or Doctoral Degree in Physical Therapy refer to the pre-professional Physical Therapy curriculum, under "Transfer Subject Areas," in the College catalog. PTA core curriculum courses are generally not transferable to four year institutions

EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- Approximate Starting Salary: Range for new graduates: \$18.00-\$26.00/hour
- Employment Opportunities (Locally): The Oregon Department of Labor and the US Bureau of Labor continue to identify the career of Physical Therapist Assistant as a growing field. Jobs are available in the Portland metropolitan area and throughout the state. Jobs are available in a variety of settings including: hospitals, outpatient clinics, rehabilitation centers, skilled nursing facilities, and schools.
- Employment Opportunities (Generally): By passing the Physical Therapist Assistant Licensing Exam, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure and work anywhere in the USA. The job market is excellent in the Pacific Northwest as well as across the country.

RESIDENCY AND AVAILABILITY OF SIMILAR PROGRAMS

Residency Considerations

Residency is not a factor in selection for the PTA Program. In the event an out-of-state applicant is accepted into this program, out-of-state tuition must be paid until residency has been established. Proof of Oregon residency may be required for tuition rate purposes.

PREVIOUS ADMISSION

Applicants who were previously accepted into the program and then withdrew or declined acceptance are not given priority consideration in subsequent applications. Individuals will need to re-apply to the PTA program and will be required to meet the current program admission requirements and program standards. Materials cannot be brought forward from previous applications for a current application. Updated official college transcripts are required. Students who have been previously dismissed from MHCC's Physical Therapist Assistant program or any other health related program may be denied admission into the program.

The alternate list is NOT held over from year to year. Students are encouraged to strengthen their new application through additional academic coursework or gaining additional experience in PT.

FURTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS ONCE ACCEPTED

BOARD EXAMS AND/OR LICENSING:

You must be licensed to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant in Oregon, Washington and many other states. Successful completion of the PTA Program qualifies you to apply for licensure. In order to be licensed in Oregon and Washington, students must pass a licensing exam. It is strongly advised that all graduates take this exam upon successful completion of the program.

IMMUNIZATIONS: Accepted students must complete a Measles Immunization Clearance Certificate for School Attendance Form. Students must provide documentation of Varicella, Hepatitis B, tetanus, and diphtheria immunization status before beginning their first year. In addition, students will be required to have an up-to-date TB test. Prior to clinical participation, students must meet all PTA program immunization requirements.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS: Prior to students starting the program in the fall, students must complete a basic first aid course and professional level CPR/AED.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS: All Students will be required to complete a Criminal Background Check upon acceptance into the program. In addition, some clinical sites retain the right to require an additional criminal background check. (Please note: the criminal background check requires a fee and the applicant's social security number.) Clinical placement may be prohibited for students with a criminal background history. Without successful completion of clinicals, students will be unable to complete the program, thus resulting in dismissal. For more information regarding specific crimes refer to: Department of Human Services, Departmental Administration and Medical Assistance Programs, Division 7, Criminal History Check Rules; 407-007-0200. http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_400/OAR_407/407_007.html

RESTRICTIONS: If you have been convicted of a felony, please be advised that this conviction may prevent you from placement in clinical training and from obtaining a license to practice within the field. A PTA advisor can provide further information on this matter.

DRUG SCREENING: Some clinical affiliation sites require students to complete drug screening prior to clinical placement. A positive drug test may exclude you from clinical placement and make it impossible for you to complete the clinical competencies required for graduation from the PTA Program.

DEMANDS OF THE PROGRAM AND THE CAREER:

Rigors of program: Applicants to the program must be able to cope with the rigors of the curriculum and the demanding nature of the health professions. Established academic and clinical requirements, which closely match the **essential job functions** for physical therapist assistants apply to all students and cannot be waived. Attempts will be made to accommodate and retain qualified applicants with disabilities unless results of evaluations indicate that given reasonable accommodation an individual will still be unable to perform these essential job functions. Persons with questions concerning particular qualifications are encouraged to contact the Disability Services Office to arrange an appointment for individual consultation and advice prior to application. Phone: (503) 491-6923 TDD: (503) 491-7670 FAX: (503) 491-754.

SENSORY/PHYSICAL SKILLS:

1. Provide general and emergency treatment to patients, including CPR.
2. Execute actions which require strength and coordination of both gross and fine motor movements, balance and functional use of the senses of touch and vision
3. Observe and interpret patient movement, non-verbal communication, skin condition, including changes in appearance of color, anatomical structure, etc.
4. Read and interpret equipment dials, graphs, patient charts, professional literature, and notes from physicians and other professionals.
5. Lift, carry and push adult and pediatric patients, heavy equipment, and wheelchairs utilizing proper body mechanics, avoiding injury to self or patient/classmate.
 - Occasionally (.5 – 2.5 hrs/day): lifting up to 60 pounds, sit in place, twist, crouch/squat, kneel, reach overhead, climb stairs
 - Frequently (2.5 – 5.5 hrs/day): walk, stoop (bend at waist), turn/pivot, reach to shoulder level, keyboard operation
 - Continuously (5.5 – 8 hrs/day): standing, moving about work area
6. Manipulate equipment including bolsters, pillows, plinths, mats, assistive devices, to aide in positioning, moving or treating a patient effectively.
7. Respond to a patient calling from behind a curtain, warning calls from anyone (patient or staff), bells, alarms, signals.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

1. Provide patient with clear instructions that are adapted to patient's cognitive levels and communication needs.
2. Communicate effectively, compassionately, and respectfully with patients and their families, including perception of non-verbal communication.
3. Create clear and legible progress notes in patient charts, written home programs and instruction to patients and family members.
4. Interact respectfully and effectively with other professionals to convey essential information for safe and effective care.
5. Deliver clear oral presentations to classmates and health care professionals.

COGNITIVE SKILLS:

1. Concentrate and attend to details amidst a variety of environmental distractions.
2. Prioritize multiple tasks and carry out a complex sequence of instructions.
3. Read, measure, calculate reason, and analyze information from a variety of sources accurately, thoroughly and quickly.
4. Use problem-solving skills to promote safety and to transfer learning from one situation to another and make appropriate decisions in a timely manner.

BEHAVIOR, SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

1. Effectively adapt to frequent changes in work environment and patient/client population.
2. Interact effectively and appropriately with patients of various ages, behaviors, cognitive abilities, cultures and ethnic backgrounds.
3. Acknowledge and respect individual values, beliefs and opinions to successfully foster harmonious working relationships with fellow students, patients, and other professionals.
4. Tolerate emotionally stressful workloads effectively.
5. Comply with legal and ethical standards set forth by the APTA Standards of Ethical Conduct for the PTA, The Guide to Physical Therapist Practice, and the laws of Oregon and Washington regarding physically therapy practice.
6. Adapt treatment styles to effectively work with a variety of different supervisors.
7. Demonstrate emotional stability in order to provide safe and effective care.
8. Self-evaluate capabilities, needs and performance.
9. Maintain personal appearance and hygiene appropriate to classroom and clinical settings.

References:

- APTA Accreditation Competencies for PT Assistants, Commission on Accreditation in Education, effective July 1, 2007
- Spokane Falls Physical Therapy Assistant Program Information, Spring 2008
- PTA Job Description, Legacy Health System, current to practice April 2008

2011-2012 CURRICULUM

First Quarter (Summer)		Credits
BI121	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
WR121	English Composition	4
PSY201	General Psychology	4
AH110	Medical Language for Healthcare Settings.....	2
Second Quarter (Fall)		
PTA100	Introduction to Physical Therapy.....	3
PTA101	Physical Therapy Interventions 1	5
PTA101L	Physical Therapy Interventions 1 Lab	2
BI122	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
Third Quarter (Winter)		
PTA132	Clinical Kinesiology 1	4
PTA102	Physical Therapy Interventions 2	5
PTA102L	Physical Therapy Interventions 2 Lab	2
PTA142	Introduction to Clinical Practice I	2
	Health and Physical Education Requirement ‡.....	1
Fourth Quarter (Spring)		
PTA133	Clinical Kinesiology 2	4
PTA103	Physical Therapy Interventions 3	5
PTA103L	Physical Therapy Interventions 3 Lab	2
PTA143	Introduction to Clinical Practice II	2
Fifth Quarter (Summer)		
PTA150	Clinical Applications I.....	1
PTA160	Clinical Affiliation I.....	4
SP115	Introduction to Intercultural Communication.....	3
	Health and Physical Education Requirement ‡.....	1
Sixth Quarter (Fall)		
PTA254	Clinical Applications II.....	1
PTA264	Clinical Affiliation II.....	4
PTA204	Physical Therapy Interventions 4	5
PTA204L	Physical Therapy Interventions 4 Lab	2
	Health and Physical Education Requirement ‡.....	1
Seventh Quarter (Winter)		
PTA255	Clinical Applications III.....	1
PTA265	Clinical Affiliation III.....	4
PTA205	Physical Therapy Interventions 5	5
PTA205L	Physical Therapy Interventions 5 Lab	2
Eighth Quarter (Spring)		
PTA256	Clinical Applications IV.....	1
PTA266	Clinical Affiliation IV.....	6
PTA206	Physical Therapy Interventions 6	2
PTA206L	Physical Therapy Interventions 6 Lab	1
MTH65	Beginning Algebra II.....	4
Total Credits		103

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‡For more information on options, see the MHCC College Catalog