

# Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)

## Application Process

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## Physical Therapist Assistant Program Frequently Asked Questions

What do I need to know before applying?

- The PTA program is competitive. Each year, applicants are accepted based on a point system, which is outlined in this packet.
- The program has 24 positions each fall, with a March 1 deadline to have a complete application file.
- If not accepted into the program, students can continue to enroll in PTA curriculum support courses and re-apply the following year. Each year the program accepts the most qualified applicants and no waiting list is kept.
- COVID-19 information:
  - If clinical partners impose requirements that are more restrictive, such as a vaccination mandate, the Allied Health Programs will follow the clinical partner's requirements. If a student refuses to comply with the clinical site's requirements, the student will fail to meet clinical objectives and will therefore fail the course.

What do I need to know about the application process?

- Follow the attached checklist carefully to ensure your application is complete.
- Be sure to confirm all steps in the process. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

How does the PTA program determine who they will accept each year?

- See attached scoring sheet
- See "3 Steps to Improve Your PTA Application"

What do I need to know once I'm accepted into the program?

- The PTA program is located at the Effingham Kluthe Center.
- Final Acceptance into the PTA program is dependent upon completion of a physical, immunization records, HealthCare Provider CPR course, and observation hours. (Additional information will be provided.)

- Once accepted into the program, students can expect to attend class 3 - 4 days a week. The day off varies throughout the program.
- There are three (3) out of house practicums; each 40 hours per week. Some clinical sites require students to begin at 7 a.m. Students will attend practicums in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes so they will have multiple experiences upon graduation.
- Starting pay in our district ranges from \$ 46,335 to 59,599 per year.

### 3 Steps to Improve Your PTA Application

1. Earn an "A" in BIO100 (or high school biology/zoology/A & P, or Lake Land College Basic Anatomy and Physiology (BIO050) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO225) or Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO226) or equivalent). The point system awards 150 points for an "A", 100 points for a "B" and 50 points for a "C".
2. Do well on the College Assessment test. This test is an important part of the point system. If needed, students are encouraged to retake their assessment test scores after taking college course work in reading, math and English. Be aware that PTA applicants are eligible to take the test more than twice. There is a study guide available for the assessment test. This is available at [www.lakelandcollege.edu](http://www.lakelandcollege.edu) or through the Testing Center at 217-234- 5301.
3. Maintain an excellent GPA. The PTA program looks at your grades in the completed support courses. In the point system, an "A" is worth more points than a "B". No points are awarded for a "C" in the support courses. Be aware that the Lake Land College Tutoring Center offers FREE tutoring.

Who can I contact for more information?

Krista Burrell, Counselor for Allied Health Counseling Services #434 in the Luther Student Center, 217-234-5042, [kburrell@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:kburrell@lakelandcollege.edu). Ms. Burrell can assist with initial advisement and registration process, as well as general information about the PTA and Massage Therapy Programs.

Administrative Assistant for the PTA and Massage Therapy Programs Kluthe Center 210, 217-540-3535, [mrogers2@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:mrogers2@lakelandcollege.edu). The Administrative Assistant maintains all of the applications, files and correspondence and is a great resource for general information about the PTA and Massage Therapy Programs.

Martha Mioux, Director of the PTA and Massage Therapy Programs Kluthe Center 211, 217-540-3551, [mmioux@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:mmioux@lakelandcollege.edu). Ms. Mioux oversees all aspects of the PTA and Massage Therapy Programs.

Jessie Palmer, PTA Instructor/Academic Clinical Coordinator of Education (ACCE) Kluthe Center 215, 217-540-3552, [jhutchison@lakelandcollege.edu](mailto:jhutchison@lakelandcollege.edu).

## Physical Therapist Assistant Checklist

Application deadline: March 1 (of the year in which you are applying)

- ☐ Submit LLC Application form, indicating your Academic Program (major) as "AAS.PTA.TRK". To confirm your major is listed correctly, check under "Advisement Information" on your HUB/IRIS account.
- ☐ Complete the PTA program application online from the Lake Land College website, <https://www.lakelandcollege.edu/physical-therapist-application/> To confirm receipt, contact the PTA program.
- ☐ Send high school and other college (if any) transcripts to LLC Admissions & Records Office. Contact Admissions & Records to confirm receipt at 217-234-5434. College transfer credit MUST BE EVALUATED.
- ☐ Take the College assessment test (reading, math and English). To schedule assessment, call 217-234-5301. These scores are an important part of the admittance criteria. PTA applicants are eligible to take the assessment tests up to three (3) times. See scoring sheet for minimum/maximum scores for areas.
- ☐ There is one (1) pre-requisite class for the Program – a Biology class. Complete LLC Bio Science I (BIO 100) or one-year high school biology/zoology/A & P, or Lake Land College Basic Anatomy and Physiology (BIO050) or Human Anatomy and Physiology I (BIO225) or Human Anatomy and Physiology II (BIO226) or equivalent with a "C" or better within the past five (5) years. If an equivalent course is coming from another college, please send official transcript and confirm receipt at Admissions & Records at 217-234-5434.

Your admittance to the program will only be considered once your file is complete.  
Please confirm completion of all steps prior to the March 1 deadline.

You MAY complete any of the support courses that are part of the PTA Program listed below prior to starting the program:

ENG120	Composition I
BIO225	Anatomy & Physiology I (after BIO100)
BIO226	Anatomy & Physiology II (after BIO225)
PSY279	Human Development/Life Span
PED 244	Kinesiology (after BIO 225)

## SELECTION CRITERIA

LLC ID \_\_\_\_\_

LAKE LAND COLLEGE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PTA PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

FOR CLASS OF FALL \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

COLLEGE DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

H.S. GRAD. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Pre-requisite BIO \_\_\_\_\_ (1 year HS biology/zoology/A & P, BIO050 or BIO100 or BIO225 or BIO226 or equivalent)

Grade of A = 150, Grade of B = 100, Grade of C = 50 (max. 150) TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

2. LLC ASSESSMENT TESTS – Minimum scores indicate no remedial work necessary prior to enrollment.

Reading [min. 252] \_\_\_\_\_ [max. 300]

English [min. 250] \_\_\_\_\_ [max. 300]

Math \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

3. SUPPORT COURSES, if any [A = 2 points/credit hour, B = 1 point/credit hour]

(ENG 119or120) Composition I, 3 hrs \_\_\_\_\_ (BIO 226) A & P2, 4 hrs \_\_\_\_\_

(BIO 225) A & P 1, 4 hrs \_\_\_\_\_ (PSY 279) Psychology, 3 hrs \_\_\_\_\_

(PED 244) Kinesiology, 4 hrs \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPORT COURSES TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

4. High School Experience, if any

Health Occupations – 5 pts \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_