

Physical Therapist Assistant Program (PTA)

Application Process

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:
 - Lake Land College has implemented requirements and procedures in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order mandating vaccination or weekly COVID-19 testing for all Illinois higher education personnel and students, the related Illinois Community College Board directives, and guidance from the CDC and IDPH. All students and employees are responsible for reviewing and following the requirements and procedures as presented on the College's Pandemic Response Safety Guidelines posted on the College website.
 - Currently, masks covering the nose and mouth are required indoors at all times for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, except when the individual is alone in an enclosed office with the door closed. Individuals refusing to wear a mask appropriately indoors will be required to leave. Students and employees who have not submitted documentation confirming full vaccination are required to complete a COVID-19 test on campus weekly or submit weekly results of a third-party test (see website for information regarding submission of third-party test results). Individuals who have medical conditions or religious beliefs that preclude vaccination must test weekly. There is no exemption from weekly testing unless individuals are fully vaccinated. Compliance will be monitored and individuals who are not in compliance will be excluded from campus. Repeated non-compliance may result in withdrawal from in-person classes and disciplinary action.
 - The Allied Health Programs guidelines and expectations align with the requirements and procedures presented in the College's

Pandemic Response Safety Guidelines. If the College updates the requirements and procedures, the Allied Health Programs will follow the new guidelines. 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, he/she 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 4 days a week. The day off varies throughout the program.
- There are three (3) out of house clinicals; each 40 hours per week. Some clinical sites require students to begin at 7 a.m. Students will attend clinicals in hospitals, outpatient clinics, and nursing homes so they will have multiple experiences upon graduation.
- Starting pay in our district ranges from \$ 28,000 to 32,000 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 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 for every class.

Who can I contact for more information?

Jennifer Melton, Counselor for Allied Health Counseling Services #430 in the Luther Student Center, 217-234-5251, jmelton52502@lakelandcollege.edu Ms. Melton 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, bkilzer@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

Ms. Mioux oversees all aspects of the PTA and Massage Therapy programs.

Physical Therapist Assistant Checklist

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

- Submit LLC Intent to Enroll 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)
PHY110	Physics
PSY279	Human Development/Life Span
PED 244	Kinesiology (after BIO 225)

SELECTION CRITERIA

LLC ID _____

LAKE LAND COLLEGE

NAME _____

PTA PROGRAM SELECTION
PROCESS

CITY _____

COLLEGE DISTRICT _____

FOR CLASS OF FALL _____

H.S. GRAD. DATE _____

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

Grade of A = 150, Grade of B = 100, Grade of C = 50 (max. 150) _____

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]

Composition, 3 hrs _____ Kinesiology, 4 hrs _____

A & P 1, 4 hrs _____ Psychology, 3 hrs _____

Physics, 4 hrs _____ A & P 2, 4 hrs _____

Sup.Courses _____

4. High School Experience, if any

Partnership for College & Career Success (PCCS) – 5 pts _____

Health Occupations – 5 pts _____

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