

Carroll Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Information

Thank you for your interest in our program. The following information is in addition to the information that you will find in our brochure. It may assist you in asking questions or making decisions about the Carroll Community College PTA Program.

The PTA program at Carroll Community College is 18 months in length. We begin the clinical portion of the program each fall and students graduate the following December. We begin accepting applications in the January of the year you wish to start. The last day we accept applications is May 1st. If there are more than 24 qualified applicants, applicants will be ranked according to the policy listed on this program page.

Although the program is considered full time, the schedule is currently as follows:

- **Fall 1** Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday from 8 am to approximately 4:30 pm. There are 3 classes: Introduction to the PTA, Clinical Science 1, and Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology

- **Winter** Classes start immediately after New Years and run for 5 weeks. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday. There is one required and one optional course. Modalities is required. Neuroanatomy and Palpation Skills is an optional course.

- **Spring** There are three classes in the spring: Clinical Science 2, Pain and Pathology and Overview of Special Populations.

- **Summer** The first three weeks of the summer session are spent in a full time clinical placement. Student then have two weeks off and begin a second 5 week summer session that runs 4 days per week.

- **Fall 2** The entire semester is spent in full-time clinical affiliations

The program also requires some experience in a physical therapy setting. We ask that you complete a minimum of 75 hours of work/observation in some PT setting. You may be a paid employee, a volunteer, a patient or an observer of a family members PT program.

Upon completion of the PTA program, you are eligible to sit for the National Licensing Examination. Over the past several years, Carroll Community College's first time pass rate on the exam has been significantly higher than the state and national average.

All Maryland residents receive in-county tuition for PTA courses and there is financial aid available. All of our students have either been employed prior to graduation or found employment very shortly after graduation.

If you have a degree in another area, please consult with the program director, as some of the following courses may be waived. You may take these courses at your home community college if you are not currently a Carroll student.

Pre-Clinical (Non-PTA) Coursework

ENGLISH COMPOSITION*

3 CREDITS

ART, ENGLISH, HUMANITIES OR SPEECH GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE

3 CREDITS

MATHEMATICS (STATISTICS PREFERRED)*

4-5 CREDITS

GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY

3 CREDITS

SOCIAL OR BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE

3 CREDITS

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 1*

4 CREDITS

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY 2*

4 CREDITS

****These classes MUST be completed prior to starting the program. In recognition of the intensity of the program most PTA students choose to complete all non-PTA coursework prior to beginning the program.***

You may schedule a meeting with the Program Director and visit the current students in the lab to observe what the program is about and talk with the students.

If you have any further questions or would like to schedule a visit please contact:

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