

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTING PROGRAM
LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Prospective PTA Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Physical Therapist Assisting (PTA) program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®). Our curriculum emphasizes both clinical practice and academic excellence. Graduates of the program are well-prepared to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). Admission to the program is guaranteed for applicants who complete the application process and meet all prerequisite requirements.

Once enrolled, the PTA program is a full-time, two-year commitment consisting primarily of in-person, daytime classes. The curriculum is rigorous and demanding, but the rewards of a career in physical therapy make the effort worthwhile. Employment opportunities for physical therapist assistants are abundant and diverse across the region and country.

All Health Careers programs at Tri-C require students to complete a background check prior to beginning clinical rotations.

Once you select Physical Therapist Assisting as your program of interest—or declare it as your major—you will receive email notifications to your Tri-C email account whenever your academic record changes while completing prerequisites. If you are a transfer student, please ensure that transcripts from all previously attended colleges and universities are submitted to Tri-C for evaluation of transferable credits. **Please note that the PTA program does not accept technical coursework in physical therapy or related fields completed at other institutions.**

I encourage you to thoroughly review the information available on our program website, especially the prerequisites, FAQs, and application checklist. Many of your questions about the program and its requirements will be answered there.

If you have additional questions not addressed on the website, please feel free to contact me. You may also reach out to Bob Madison in the Health Careers Enrollment Center at Bob.Madison@tri-c.edu. He can assist with questions about multiple programs.

Best wishes as you pursue a rewarding career at Tri-C.

Sincerely,

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