

Physical Therapist Assistant Program at College of DuPage

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the PTA program?

Once a student has been accepted into the program, the student will be in the program for 2 years (5 concurrent semesters), which includes unpaid clinical internships. Each student within a cohort takes exactly the same courses in the same order. A student must pass each PTA course to continue in the PTA program.

When can I submit my application?

Applicants may begin submitting applications on April 1st

What is the deadline for submission of application material?

The deadline for submitting a complete application is found in the [Admissions Packet](#). The PTA program's classes begin the fall semester of the same year as the application.

How many applicants are accepted into the PTA program each year?

24 students are accepted into the PTA program each year.

Are College of DuPage in-district residents given first priority?

Preference in admission is given to residents of District 502 who meet the stated minimum acceptance criteria for the program. The PTA program must be filled first with applicants from within the district's residents who meet the stated minimum acceptance criteria for the program.

Priority for admissions are:

- #1) In-district applicants
- #2) Out-of-district applicants working full-time in-district (proof of in-district employment will be required each semester)
- #3) Out-of-district applicants including those students with a joint or chargeback agreement
- #4) International

Presently, due to the high volume of qualified in-district applicants and the inception of this COD policy, 100% of the accepted applicants have been in-district residents.

Approximately how many in-district candidates, with fully completed applications which met minimum acceptance criteria, apply to the program each year?

The exact number of in-district candidates who have fully completed applications and have met the minimum acceptance criteria has varied from year to year. Since 2013 the range has varied from approximately 55 to 80 applicants.

Any other suggestions?

Read and follow the admission packet carefully.

Completion of all general education classes is highly recommended, but not mandatory.

The advising counselors are very knowledgeable. Visit a Health Career Program Advisor by calling (630) 942-2259 to make an appointment.