

**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 PTA practice and academic excellence. Program graduates are prepared to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE). We guarantee entrance to the program for students who complete the application process and meet all prerequisite requirements.

PTA is considered a full-time, two-year program made up of daytime classes that take place primarily in person. Our curriculum is demanding and rigorous, but the benefits and rewards that come with the physical therapy profession make it worth the effort. Employment opportunities for physical therapist assistants are widely available in a variety of settings throughout the country.

All Health Careers programs at Tri-C require students to complete a background check before beginning their clinical rotations. After becoming a Tri-C student, log into *my Tri-C space* and click the following link to acknowledge your understanding of this requirement: <https://portal2.tri-c.edu/Player/HealthCareersRequest>. You may also use the form to select all Health Career programs you may be interested in.

Once you select PTA as a program of interest — or declare it as your major — you will receive an email in your Tri-C account every time your academic record changes while you are completing your prerequisites. If you are a transfer student, you must submit your transcripts from previous colleges and universities to the College to determine transferrable credits. **The PTA program does not accept credit for technical coursework in physical therapy or related fields from programs at other colleges.**

I recommend you review all the information on our program website, including the prerequisites, FAQ and application checklist. You can find the answers to many of your questions about the program and its requirements there.

Please contact me if you have questions not answered on our website. You can also contact Bob Madison in the Health Careers Enrollment Center at [bob.madison@tri-c.edu](mailto:bob.madison@tri-c.edu) for questions about multiple programs.

Best wishes in your pursuit of a rewarding career at Tri-C.

Sincerely,

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