FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Physical Therapist Assistant A.A.S.

For Best Consideration, Apply by June 1st

1. **Apply to the College:** Apply to FCC and declare Health Sciences: Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant AAS as your major.

2. **Submit Official Transcripts:** Send official college/university and high school transcripts, SAT & ACT scores as well as any CLEP, IB or AP scores to the Registration and Records Office**.** *Note that official college/university transcripts should be sent upon application to FCC, and must be received by application due date for PTA program*
   - Minimum unweighted 2.5 GPA from high school transcripts **OR** cumulative of college work (at least 12 credits) is required for admission consideration

3. **Apply for Financial Aid:** Apply for Financial Assistance – Submit the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.

4. **Complete Placement Tests:** Complete FCC placement tests as needed - consult with Admissions or Advising.

5. **Complete Pre-Admission Courses:**   Complete the following minimum requirements with a grade of C or higher*

   MATH 120- Statistics (or higher level of Math)   BSCI 150- Principles of Biology

   * Final pre-admission courses, including sciences, can be in progress the semester application is submitted or planned for summer semester. Student must pass BSCI 150 and MATH 120 (or higher) with a grade of C or higher prior to admission in the Fall.

6. **Required Videos:** Watch the two videos below concerning PTA employment. Attest to watching the videos.
   a)   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BJODaIqR-0
   b)   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xZU-2Idzlk

7. **Work Experience**: *No work experience is required* for application, but related work experience as Physical Therapy tech or aide, Athletic Trainer, Exercise Physiologist, Massage therapist, or CNA qualifies the applicant for additional points on their application. The hours must be completed in the past year and the work experience must be documented on the Employment Verification Form, then submitted as an attachment to the application.

8. **Read Essential Functions for a PTA Career (on FCC PTA webpage)**: Students will need to attest to being able to perform the physical tasks, observational skills, behavioral responsibilities, and cognitive abilities necessary to be a PTA. The information to review is located on the FCC PTA webpage under Prospective Students.

For those students who have submitted all documentation and met the above criteria, a point system is used to select candidates for admission to the technical portion of FCC's PTA program. Points are assigned for grades in the general education courses completed by time of the application, work experience, service/volunteer hours, and previous degrees. The students with the highest point total are offered admission to the program. If an accepted student declines his/her seat in the program or fails to meet summer course requirements, the next eligible student with the highest score is offered an admission to the program.

Questions?
Email Abby Sines, Admissions Coordinator, at HealthSciencesAdmissions@frederick.edu for more info

Criteria for Admission to the PTA Program

Students who have met the minimum requirements for admission will then be ranked using the rubric below.

All applications need to include proof of the following:
____Official transcripts with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater
____BSCI 150 in progress or completed with a C or higher
____MATH 120 or higher in progress or completed with a C or higher
____Confirmation of student watching the two required videos
____Confirmation of student being able to perform the Essential Functions to be a PTA

COURSES	Possible Points	Points Earned
Points for courses are awarded based on grade earned. A = 6 points B= 4 points C= 2 points		
Medical Terminology (MEDA 109) **Not required for graduation** *MEDA 109 credit received from FCPS CTC program will receive 6 points*	6	
Principles of Biology (BSCI 150)	6	
Statistics or higher (MATH 120 or higher)	6	
English Composition (ENGL 101)	6	
General Psychology (PSYC 101)	6	
Anatomy & Physiology I (BSCI 201)	6	
Anatomy & Physiology II (BSCI 202)	6	
Small Group Communication (COMM 105) *or a general education COMM elective and a cultural competence elective*	6	
Earned Associate's Degree	3	
Earned Bachelor's Degree or higher	6	
Work Experience ***Not required for application*** ▪ 200 hours = 2 points ▪ 250 hours = 3 points ▪ 300 hours = 4 points ▪ 350 hours = 5 points ▪ 400 hours or greater = 6 points	6	
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	63	