

# Application Information Summary

Thank you for your interest in the MSC PTA program. This document is prepared to assist prospective students to better understand the admission and application process for the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program at MSC. More information about the program can be found at the program home webpage: <http://mscah.org/pta-home.html>

Students do not need to apply to the program to take the general education (first year) course work (see curriculum sheet for details). These courses are open to all interested students and are applicable to many areas of study. Graduating high school students, new to college, or second career students who are interested in applying to the PTA Program courses need to complete at a minimum the first semester of the (1st) year course work in order to be eligible to apply to the PTA portion of the program which begins in the Spring semester of each year.

If you are not a current MSC student, you do not need to apply to the college in order to apply to the PTA portion of the program. If accepted into the PTA Program then you will need to complete an application to the college. Students interested in applying to the PTA program must meet the following minimum program specific requirements:

1. **Completion of the 1<sup>st</sup>ACT**

and have had at least a “B” in high-school science courses. Students who do not meet this program specific requirement must complete the prerequisite for the MSC A&P courses. If you take your biological sciences (A&P) at another college, then you must meet the requirements for that school’s sciences.

3. View the required **PTA Program Admission Video** prepared by the PTA Program Director.

## **How are the students in the second year chosen?**

This is a question that is explained in detail during the Application Orientation Video that must be viewed prior to application. The following information is provided as a summary of the process. The PTA Program courses all beginning with a PTA prefix are available to those students who have applied to and have been accepted into the program. Students are selected from the most qualified of those who apply and are chosen in December and begin the program the following spring semester (January). The new class of students meets for the initial orientation during the week prior to the first week of the spring semester in early January.

The class is determined by a selection committee that is made up of program advisory committee members, PTA program faculty, and other campus faculty. The program director does not have a vote in the process. The actual selection of the class is made by a committee who is "blinded" to the applicant. This means that they know only the qualifications and points of each applicant. The selection committee uses a points system that has been developed and refined over the years. This system is as objective and unbiased as possible. It is our desire to select students who are qualified and capable of success in the program and prepared to enter the profession upon graduation.

The point system includes the following areas:

1. ACT Reading Score / NexGen Reading Score
2. Admission Test score
3. Grades on prerequisite (1st year) courses