

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTING PROGRAM
LETTER FROM THE (INTERIM) 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). Entrance to the program is guaranteed to applicants who complete the application process and meet all prerequisite requirements.

Once enrolled in the PTA Program, it is considered a full-time two-year program consisting 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 well 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 prior to beginning their clinical rotations. After becoming a Tri-C student, please log into your *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 in which you may have an interest.

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

I recommend that you take time to review all of the information found on our program website, especially the prerequisites, the FAQ's and the application checklist. Many of the questions you will have regarding the program and the requirements to start the program will be found there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions not answered on our website.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Headrick, PT DPT
(Interim) Program Director
christopher.headrick@tri-c.edu