

Merit Physical Therapist Assistant (Phase II) Admissions Checklist 2010
Midlands Technical College

The purpose of Merit Physical Therapist Assistant (Phase II) Admissions is to allow students who are qualified to apply for special consideration for priority admission with an earlier start date for Phase II. Points are awarded on pre-set, published criteria. Students are ranked based on their total number of points (must be a minimum of 8). The top students by point total are then admitted based on the number of available slots.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ **MTC ID #:** _____

Instructions for completing the Physical Therapist Assistant Merit Admission Checklist:

1. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for Merit Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions:
 - a. Successfully complete the Pre PTA program (Phase I) or equivalent coursework (evaluated by MTC Records office) within the published Health Science guidelines and successfully complete 20 hours of observation, submit related evaluation forms, transcripts and impression paper with the Student Checklist for PTA Program Phase II Admissions. This data is due to Lynn van Dijk, Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director, **by January 5, 2010.**
 - b. Successfully complete BIO 211, ENG 102, and an approved humanities elective.
 - c. Complete the Phase II Merit Admission Checklist (minimum of 8 pts.) and submit with required documentation to Kim Lander **by March 5, 2010.**
2. Applicants **must** include a copy of their MTC college transcripts and/or MTC transfer transcripts with the Merit checklist. MTC college transcripts can be accessed by going to **MTC Online** and clicking on "MTC Transcript", and transfer grades can be accessed by clicking on "Transfer Transcript Summary".
It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all coursework from previous colleges has been evaluated and posted on the transfer transcript summary **before** applying for Merit Admissions. (Allow four weeks for processing).
3. Applicants with **recent health care work experience (within 3 years of March 1, 2010)** as a PT Tech/Aide or Rehab Tech should submit a letter from their supervisor on company letterhead. The letter should verify dates of employment and position. The letter should be submitted with the Phase II Merit Admissions checklist.

MTC Transcripts Must be Attached or the Checklist will be Considered Incomplete

Important Information Regarding the Merit Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions Checklist:

1. Completed Merit Checklists must be submitted to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 215, c/o Kim Lander or mailed to Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, and Attn: Admissions/Airport Campus. Completed checklists and required documentation must be received by **March 5, 2010** no later than 4:30 p.m. *Checklists postmarked on or before March 5, 2010 will not be processed if they arrive after March 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.* Letters indicating acceptance or non-acceptance for Merit Admissions will be mailed by April 15, 2010. **Incomplete Merit Checklists will not be processed.**

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Name: _____ MTC ID #: _____
 Signature: _____ Phone #: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Date: _____
 City, State, & Zip _____

Please note - for the Merit Admissions class, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is counting the **FIRST ATTEMPT** at the courses in the criteria - not the repeated grade. For example, if a student received a W or WF the first time he/she took a class, the W or WF would count even if the second attempt was a passing grade.

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BIO 210 (or transferable equivalent) (within the published Health Science guidelines)	A = 3 B = 2																									
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Pre-PTA Phase I GPA level 2.75 < 3.0 3.0 < 3.5 ≥ 3.5	1 2 3																									
Comments (MTC staff or faculty only)																										

Total Score: _____
(Must be minimum of 8)

**FAQ's –
Merit Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions 2010**

Q1. What is Merit Admissions?

A1. Merit Admissions is a process by which students who are qualified may apply for special consideration for priority admission Phase II. Points are awarded on pre-set, published criteria. Students are ranked based on their total number of points (with a minimum of 8). The top students by point total may then be admitted based on the number of available slots.

Q2. Is Merit Admissions replacing the regular Physical Therapist Assistant admissions process?

A2. No, in fact, in order to be eligible for Merit Admissions, the applicant must already be accepted through the regular admissions process to the Pre-PTA Certificate Program (Phase I) and plan to complete that certificate program in time to submit the completed certificate transcript with their merit admissions application.

Q3. Who can apply for Merit Admissions?

A3. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for Merit Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admissions:

Completion of the Pre- Physical Therapist Assistant Program (Phase I) as well as BIO 211, ENG 102, and an approved humanities elective or equivalent coursework (evaluated by MTC Records Office) and completion of the 20 hours of observation, evaluation forms and impression paper. **The applicant must also have a minimum of eight points on the Merit PTA Admissions Checklist.**

Q4. Am I automatically considered for Merit Admissions?

A4. No. If you wish to be considered for Merit Admissions, you must submit a completed **Student Checklist for MTC PTA Program Phase II Admission form with the required documentation to Lynn van Dijk, PTA Program Director, Room 216, Health Sciences Building by January 5, 2010.** The second step is to submit a **Merit PTA Admissions Checklist** to the Student Center (Airport Campus), Room 215, c/o Kim Lander or mail to Midlands Technical College, PO Box 2408, Columbia, SC 29202, and Attn: Admissions/Airport Campus. Completed Checklists must be received by March 5, 2010, no later than 4:30 pm. *Checklists postmarked on or before March 5, 2010, will not be accepted if they arrive after March 5, 2010 at 4:30 pm.* All required documentation must be submitted with the Merit Checklist.

Only complete Merit Checklists will be processed.

Q5. I have not yet applied to the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. How do I apply for Merit Admissions?

A5. You must first apply for admissions to Phase I of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program; i.e., the Pre- Physical Therapist Assistant Certificate Program, in the usual manner. (See Q2 and Q3 above.)

Q6. I'm waiting for my start date and don't think I'll qualify for Merit Admissions. Does this mean I can lose my place or get bumped down the waiting list?

A6. No.

Q7. When/How will I know if I've been accepted?

A7. Letters indicating whether acceptance for Merit Admissions has been met will be mailed by April 15, 2010.

Q8. If I am accepted on April 15, 2010 under Merit Admissions, when will I start the Clinical (Phase II) program?

A8. You will start the clinical program in August 2010 for the fall semester.

Q9. Once admitted for Merit Admissions, will students admitted under Merit Admissions be treated any differently than those admitted under the usual Physical Therapist Assistant Program admissions process?

A9. No. Students accepted for Merit Admissions will be admitted to the class for which they apply. All PTA students will be expected to uphold the Physical Therapist Assistant Program standards.

Q10. If Admission to Phase II of the PTA Program was denied based on my interview, can I be accepted to Phase II based on Merit?

A10. No, if you were not accepted for Phase II during an interview process, you cannot be accepted via the Merit process.

Q11. What if I still have questions?

A11. After reviewing all available information on Merit Physical Therapist Assistant admissions, you may contact the following people with additional questions:

Lynn van Dijk (803) 822-3590 or vandijkl@midlandstech.edu
Physical Therapist Assistant Program Director
Midlands Technical College

or

Kim Lander (803) 822-3520 or landerk@midlandstech.edu
Merit Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admissions Coordinator
Midlands Technical College

**Check here if applying
for Merit Admission.**

Due no later than Jan 5, 2010

STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR MTC PTA PROGRAM PHASE II ADMISSION

Student: Complete this form and submit the form and the requested documents by November 16, 2009, to be considered for an interview for Phase II admission Fall, 2010. This form should be completed during your last semester of classes in the Pre-PTA Certificate Program (Phase I).

Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Current Address: _____

Anticipated completion date for all Phase I courses: _____

Preferred entry date for Phase II: Fall, 20____

Attach a copy of:

_____ MTC online transcript

_____ Transfer transcript summary from MTC online

_____ Completed Observation forms and Impression Paper (a copy is acceptable if these have been submitted previously)

Incomplete information is returned to students without processing.

Phase I should be completed by the end of Spring semester to interview for Phase II for entry for Fall of the same year. Students are selected for interview according to the following dates:

- a. Phase I entry date
- b. Phase I completion date
- c. Completion of Observation requirements

Students with the earliest dates will be considered for interviews first.

Bring your information to Mrs. Langley or Mrs. van Dijk in the Health Sciences office suite.

This form and all information and documents requested must be submitted to be considered for an interview or for merit admission.