



Donna J. Del Vecchio
Physical Therapist Assistant
Application for Admission

UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ
A.A.S. Degree in Physical Therapist Assistant

Dear Prospective Physical Therapist Assistant Student:

We are delighted that you have chosen UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ, to begin your journey toward becoming a Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA). The PTA program at UCNJ is a full-time, two-year program that is accredited by the Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. A PTA is a member of a healthcare team that provides physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a physical therapist. PTAs implement components of patient care, obtain data related to the treatments provided, and collaborate with the PT to modify care as necessary. Upon completing the program, graduates receive an A.A.S. degree and are eligible to take the state licensure examination.

UCNJ strives to provide you with the education and clinical experiences that will assist you in becoming an excellent PTA and a valuable healthcare team member.

We look forward to collaborating with you to achieve your educational goals.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or need further information about our program, you may contact:

Dr. Sohal Hallur, PT, ScD
Program Director
908-412-3542
Sohal.hallur@ucc.edu

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program transforms our community by preparing highly qualified, entry-level professionals who promote safe and ethical professional practices within the scope of Physical Therapy. The Program is committed to excellence in providing an evidence-based Physical Therapy education, encouraging graduates to continue pursuing lifelong learning and relevant professional contributions.

Union County residents who meet the minimum admission criteria will be given priority.

Admission Requirements:

Successful completion of pre-requisite courses in ENG101 English Composition I, BIO105 Anatomy and Physiology I with a grade of “C” or higher. **Successful completion of the HESI exam. For full consideration, applicants must meet all admission requirements.**

CLEP SCORE TRANSFER FOR ENG 101 and BIO 105:

CLEP SCORE	EQUIVALENT POINTS USED TOWARDS CALCULATING AN ADMISSION SCORE
75-80	50
65-74	40
60-64	30
55-59	20
50-54	10

Instructions to apply to the program:

- 1) Students who are interested in applying to the PTA program must first apply to UCNJ and select Health Science as their major.
- 2) To apply to UCNJ, go to [Apply](#)
- 3) For assistance in applying to UCNJ, please visit <https://www.ucc.edu/admissions/admissions-process/>
- 4) Please submit your **official transcripts** from all schools attended in sealed envelopes to Admissions Office, Cranford Campus
1033, Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016

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- 5) The admissions office must perform an official evaluation of transfer credits. If there are questions about applying to UCNJ, selecting courses, or transferring credits, please contact the Student Services Center at the Plainfield Campus at 908-412-3550, or you can access <https://www.ucc.edu/academics/transfer-assistance/>
- 6) Students must also complete the PTA application and submit the completed application along with **unofficial transcripts** from all schools attended, CLEP and AP scores, if applicable, for review by the PTA admissions committee by emailing it to PhysicalTherapist@ucc.edu or by mailing it to:

Division of Allied Sciences
Plainfield Campus
UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ
232 East Second Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060

- 7) All students must complete the HESI exam to be considered for admission into the PTA program. Please visit <https://www.proctoru.com/portal/elsevier-hesi> to create your account and schedule your exam. Information about the HESI exam can be found at <https://evolve.elsevier.com/education/hesi/hesi-admission-assessment-exam/>. Please note that the HESI exam will test a student's knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology I, as well as their English and critical thinking skills.
- 8) Please refer to the HESI material attached to this application to obtain further information on how to apply for the exam. Please refer to www.proctoru.com for additional information on completing the HESI exam. Every applicant must pay the \$85 required to complete the HESI exam.

All applications received up to May 30, 2026, will be reviewed. An admission score will be calculated for each application per the attached rubric. Admission into the program is highly competitive and not guaranteed.

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Please note:

Students accepted into the PTA program must have medical health insurance, a physician's health clearance, malpractice insurance, first-aid certification, CPR certification, drug testing, and a criminal background check. Federal and state laws preclude persons with specific criminal backgrounds from being in contact with children and patients. A felony conviction may affect a student's admission, placement in the clinic, and ability to attain state licensure. Please consult a Student Services Specialist or the Program Director with any questions.

Retention of Application Materials:

Application materials submitted to the PTA program become the property of UCNJ and will not be returned to the applicant.

UCNJ does not discriminate and prohibits discrimination, as required by state and/or federal law, in all programs and activities, including employment and access to its career and technical programs.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- PTA Program Application Form
- All **unofficial transcripts** from all schools attended
- CLEP and AP scores (if applicable)
- Completion of the HESI examination
- All **official transcripts** from all schools attended are to be sent to the Admissions Office on the Cranford Campus.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

Pre-Clinical Phase

ENG 101	English Composition I	3 credits
BIO 105	Anatomy and Physiology, I	4 credits

After all pre-clinical phase course work, a Physical Therapist Assistant Program Application is required for consideration for the clinical phase of the program.

Clinical Phase: Fall Semester I

BIO 106	Anatomy and Physiology II	4 credits
PTA 110	Functional Anatomy	3 credits
PTA 111	Therapeutic Procedures and Modalities	6 credits
PTA 112	Independent Living	2 credits

Clinical Phase: Spring Semester I

MAT 127	Elementary Statistics	4 credits
PSY 101	General Psychology	3 credits
PTA 114	Orthopedic Rehab for PTA	3 credits
PTA 116	Neurological Rehab for PTA	6 credits

Clinical Phase: Fall Semester II

ENG 102	English Composition II	3 credits
PSY 204	Lifespan Development	3 credits
PTA 210	Pediatrics and Pathologies for PTA	4 credits
PTA 211	Clinical Practice I	4 credits

Clinical Phase: Spring Semester II

PTA 215	Clinical Practice II	12 credits
PTA 212	Advanced Topics in PT	2 credits

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DATE _____

Please print.

APPLICANT NAME	
ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE HOME	
CELL	
EMAIL	
UCNJ STUDENT ID (if applicable)	

ACADEMIC WORK

List the high school you attended and, chronologically, every college, university, or professional school you attended or are attending. Enclose an unofficial transcript from each school with the completed application and send official transcripts to the Admissions Office at the Cranford Campus. Do not enclose a high school transcript if 12 or more College credits have been completed.

Name of Institution	City & State	From To (Month & Year)	Degree Earned & Date

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Please complete the following information.

	Semester Date	Grade	Institution Name
English Comp I			
Anatomy & Physiology I			

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physical Therapist Assistant Handbook

I have read the Physical Therapist Assistant Handbook and understand the program's expectations, goals, objectives, policies, and procedures.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Performance Essentials

I have read the Performance Essentials Document in the PTA Program Handbook and can fulfill these functions with or without reasonable accommodation as outlined in this document. (Please sign below to acknowledge your understanding of these performance essentials.)

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ASSIGNED STUDENT NUMBER	
TOTAL ADMISSIONS SCORE	

Course	Grade	Weightage	Total points
BIO 105		40%	
ENG 101		35%	

Total Grade	Points
A	50
A-	45
B+	40
B	30
B-	25
C+	20
C	10

HESI Exam: Score X 25% (Minimum score required for admission is 50%) =