



**DISTANCE LEARNING
PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE 2018 -2019
Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant Diploma**

SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	STUDENT ID#	ORIG. DATE	DATE REVISED

The purpose of this program planning guide is to help students when registering for courses, and to track their progress within their program. *The information in this planning guide is accurate at the time of printing and is subject to change without notice.* It is the students' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of their program and course choice. Students should use the program planning guide dated the year in which they began the program. This guide should be used in conjunction with the official (print) version of the Medicine Hat College Calendar, and calendars of appropriate transfer institutions, which are the final authorities regarding program requirements.

NOTE: The DL Option is completed over a longer period of time, up to five years. Students are discouraged from taking more than three classes per semester. Each student must contact the academic advisor to develop a customized plan of study based on individual needs prior to registering in any classes. Plans will not be developed until all transfer credit and other required documentation is completed. The following is a sample plan only based on full-time studies for a student receiving no transfer credit.

Transfer Credits (If Any)	
COURSE	Notes

SAMPLE THREE YEAR PLAN

Full time studies; no transfer credit

Year One

Group 1

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
<i>KNES 261 (4)</i>			<i>KNES 265 (4)</i>		
<i>IDST 100 (4)</i>			<i>Jr. ENGL IXX or 2XX (3)*</i>		
<i>TAPC 110 (3)¹</i>			<i>PSYC 205* (3)</i>		
<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>10</i>	

(#) Denotes number of course credits

- Please note that several courses are not offered by MHC through DL that are required for your program.
- Any 100 or 200-level English course is acceptable but **ENGL 252** is recommended, especially for students wishing to continue with their education at a university level.
- Equivalents of **PSYC 205** and **SOCI 2XX** or **SOCI 203**(preferred) are required and must be taken through a different institution. A **Letter of Permission** is required to ensure transferability of the courses to our program. Please contact the academic advisor prior to registering in these courses to obtain this authorization

¹ TAPC 110 requires job-shadowing at various sites arranged with the program. All required program immunizations, criminal record checks and accompanied documentation **MUST** be completed prior to registering in the class.

Year Two/Group 2

Group 3

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
<i>TAPC 111 (4)</i>			<i>OPTA 212^{1, 2} (3)</i>		
<i>TAPC 112 (3)</i>			<i>SOCI 2XX (3)</i>		
<i>TAPC 113 (3)</i>					
<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>10</i>		<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>6</i>	

¹ OPTA 212 is a pre-requisite to Groups 4 & 5

² Labs require onsite attendance (usually a weekend) for an arranged lab. Labs occur at MHC for students from eastern BC, AB, Sask and Manitoba. Students from further away may discuss alternative arrangements with the coordinator.

Year Three/Group 4**Group 5***These courses may be extended over a longer period of time*

FALL SEMESTER			WINTER SEMESTER		
COURSE	DATE	GRADE	COURSE	DATE	GRADE
<i>OCTA 215² (4)</i>			<i>OPTA 217³(4)</i>		
<i>OCTA 216² (4)</i>			<i>PHTA 217³ (4)</i>		
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<i>PHTA 216² (4)</i>			<i>OPTA 218 (1)</i>		
<i>TAPC 210 (1)</i>					
<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>17</i>		<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>13</i>	

² *Labs require onsite attendance (usually a weekend) for an arranged lab*³ *Denotes Fieldwork 5 weeks fulltime each for a total of 15 weeks***Program Notes:**

- You must adhere to the professional commitment as outlined in the Therapist Assistant Programs Student Handbook. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the program.
- You must complete the program within five years of registration in TAPC 110.
- **All OCTA, OPTA, PHTA, TAPC, KNES, and IDST 100 courses must be completed with grades of C or better.**
- You must earn a grade of at least C- all other courses.
- In order to be able to continue in the program, a current and cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 is required at the end of each semester.
- Attendance in all courses is considered essential.
- You will usually be permitted to repeat a particular Therapist Assistant course (OCTA, OPTA, PHTA, and TAPC) only once.
- You are normally expected to complete courses in the sequence outlined in the calendar. Courses taken in a sequence other than what is outlined in the calendar [including deferring courses into other terms] may compromise your standing in the program as lab and fieldwork planning is done in advance of courses starting.