PLANNING FOR PTA SCHOOL

Planning – academic life

Planning – financial life

“Plan for what it is difficult while it is easy, do what is great while it is small.”
— Sun Tzu
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Time management
  Weekly and monthly schedules

Map out commitments
  Firm commitments
    EXAMPLES – class times, commute times, exercise, religious observances, work time
  Occasional commitments
    Examples – holidays, birthdays, infrequent events that you commit to
  Semester commitments: write in exams, quizzes, papers, projects, reading assignments

Failing to plan means planning to fail - B. Franklin

Do you need help with this?
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“If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else.”
— Yogi Berra

Develop a study plan

2 parts:

Preparation

Routine (daily & weekly)

Occasional

Review

Routine (daily & weekly)

Occasional
Commit to your plan and execute. Don’t give yourself excuses to ignore your plan.

“A goal without a plan is just a wish.”
— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Hearing from the experts – what successful students say

“This program is harder than you think. If you don’t have to work full time, don’t.”

“Take advantage of open labs.”

“Reach out to your friends, family, and classmates. No one gets through this program by themselves.”
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Financial aid

Budgeting

Working

Resources
Advice from the Financial Aid Office: File a FAFSA, you may qualify for programs that you did not know about! Also if opportunities come up, you have one on file.

The Maryland Manpower Shortage Grant – Benefit is in county tuition, even though you live outside of Montgomery County: Some years, some programs Must complete qualifying form EACH semester
Questions to answer:

What is cost of attendance – tuition and fees
Can your family contribute to your expenses
Can you track your earnings and spending
Repayment of prior loans (eg. from my prior degree)

The financial aid office has cost of attendance identified by tuition and fees.
http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/EDU/Department2.aspx?id=20126

Health Sciences – higher costs associated with unique education and training
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COSTS UNIQUE TO PTA PROGRAM

Books
For planning purposes, $500 per semester
Faculty try to use the same books in multiple semesters

Student Membership in APTA ($80 per year)

CPR certification / re-certification

Clinical Education
Health Physical and immunization records $$ will vary – use your own insurance first, lower cost options at University of Maryland Student Health
Criminal Background check and Drug/alcohol screening $$ fee to Castlebranch ( $ 100 per year)
PPD, flu shots – generally offered once each semester at Health Sciences
Health Insurance – required for Clinical Internships – Also required by law - ACA
Trajecsys system access – required for Clinical Internships ($ 100 per internship)
Uniforms (if required)
Commute to site, parking, lunch
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Costs associated with Board Exam and first professional licensure

Study Guide – provided free from PTA Program

Additional study guides ($ 75 – 120) and FSBPT PEAT ($ 90 for 60 day subscription)

Application for NPTE ($ 375 – test is given 4 times per year and you must get authorization to test from the state or jurisdiction)

Application for State or Jurisdiction ($ 300 or more)

will also have to pay for fingerprinting, notary fee, postage.

Some jurisdictions have a separate Jurisprudence exam
YOUR TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO PROFESSIONAL LIFE

Apply for LICENSURE
Apply to take the NPTE
Practice exams
Study plan

Pass on the first attempt!
Get your first job!
Successful students tell us that you get out of this program what you put into it.

Planning – financial and study – is your key to giving yourself what you need to be successful.