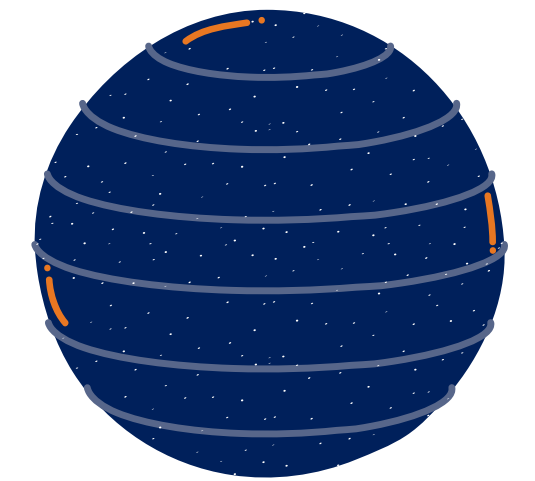




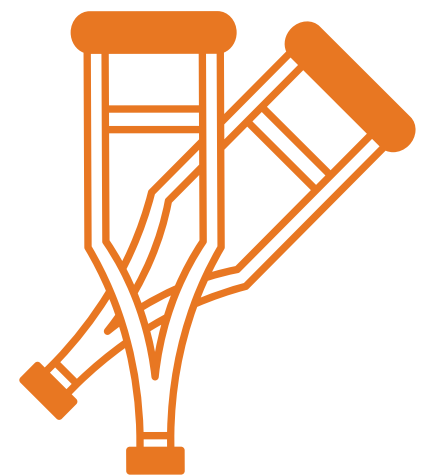
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Fall 2025

Physical Therapist
Assistant
Information Session



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Physical Therapist
Assistant Program



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Student Perspective

If only I knew then what I know now...

- Rigors of the program
- Importance of support systems & resources
- Types of learning environments (class, lab, clinical site)
- Class and clinical schedules
- Reliable transportation and/or carpooling to clinical sites
- Clinical hours and locations
- The usefulness of study techniques
- Working while in the program



Observing a Physical Therapist Assistant

- Now that you have heard about the student perspective. Take a moment to watch this video and observe what a Physical Therapist Assistant does.

[Observation Video.mp4](#)

Application



- Official high school transcripts or high school equivalency (GED) must be submitted to the office of Admissions and Records in the One Stop Center
 - Transcripts must be official
 - They can be sent directly to Morton College from your previous institution
 - Or you can bring a sealed copy (do not open the envelope or they cannot be accepted) to the Admissions Office
 - Please notify the health recruiter once you have submitted your transcripts so your file can be properly updated
- **Deadline is May 22, 2025 at 4:30pm**

Application



- **Foreign transcripts** must be evaluated by a foreign credential agency accredited by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) (must state "has the equivalency of a U.S. High School diploma")
 - **Deadline is May 22, 2025 at 4:30pm**
- **Proof of Residency status** - applicants wanting in - district consideration (whether living in -district or working in -district) must submit proof by **May 22, 2025**

Employment Verification

Employment Verification Form for out of district applicants:



- If you do not live in Cicero, Berwyn, Stickney, McCook, Forest View, or Lyons, you are considered **OUT-OF-DISTRICT** and would have to pay the out -of-district tuition.
- However, If you work full -time in any of the districts listed above, you are eligible for in district tuition.
 - Must work a minimum of 35 hours a week in either of the districts listed above
 - Deadline to submit the Employment Verification Form is **May 22, 2025.**
 - If submitted for tuition purposes, must submit a second one for your PTA File

Joint Agreement

- You are considered out -of-district If you DO NOT live in:
 - Cicero
 - Berwyn
 - Stickney
 - McCook
 - Forest View
 - Lyons

If you live out -of-district you can acquire a joint agreement at your corresponding community college to be considered in -district at Morton College. Please note, this only applies to you if your corresponding community college DOES NOT have a Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Joint Agreement

- You must submit the joint agreement request to your corresponding community college at least 30 days prior to the semester starting. Note: *please check with your corresponding community college in case, they require additional time beyond the 30 days*
- Please note : all community colleges have different policies regarding their joint agreement. Please inquire early on regarding the joint agreement guidelines at your corresponding community college to assure you have the joint agreement submitted on time at Morton College.

Application



- A valid and current proof of residency must accompany all application submissions.
- Be sure to provide maiden names or previous names on the application so other documents, such as high school transcripts, can be matched and included in your application file.
- On the application, list ALL previous colleges and courses applicable to the program.

Application



- Update any changes to your personal information (home address, phone #, email, etc.) with OAR, as well as Health Careers Recruiter.
- When changing an address, you must submit proof of new residency to the Healthcare Careers Recruitment Specialist.
- The application packet contains all the admission requirements and important deadlines - contact us with any questions!

Admission Requirements

- Mandatory attendance at a PTA Information Session.
- Successful completion of MAT 093 or higher, or placement into MAT 097 or higher on the Morton College math placement exam (two attempts are allowed) or equivalent.
- Participation in an interview for inclusion and exclusion purposes with the PTA Program Admissions Committee (interview letters will be emailed to eligible applicants after January 14, 2025)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

Meeting the minimum requirements DOES NOT guarantee admission to the program!



Tuition Cost



- In-District student tuition for the program, as of 2024 -2025 academic year, is \$ 6,996.00.
- Out-of-District tuition for the program, as of 2024-2025 academic year, is \$ 13,012.00
- Out-of-State/International tuition for the program, as of 2024-2025 academic year, is \$ 16,020.00

Note: Tuition/ Fees are subject to change as determined by fee increases affixed by the college.

Tuition Cost



- These totals include a Comprehensive Fee, Technology Fee, and Registration Fee.
- Other fees include:
 - A \$ 15.00 Malpractice Insurance Premium per clinical course (there are 2 clinical courses) fee
 - Approximately \$2,127.99 in PTA program total course fees (includes simulation, lab, technology, software, supplies, equipment, etc.)
 - A \$400.00-\$700.00 textbook fee per semester.

Note: Tuition/ Fees are subject to change as determined by fee increases affixed by the college.

Tuition Cost



- Other costs may include:
 - Uniform
 - Healthcare cost
 - Travel (transportation and possible housing needs for clinical, depending on the placement location).
 - Application fee
- Morton College offers financial aid, including grants, loans, and scholarships to all that apply.
- We also offer/rent-out technology equipment needed by students (i.e. iPads and Laptops).

Note: Tuition/ Fees are subject to change as determined by fee increases affixed by the college.

Paying for College



Financial Aid

Fill out the FAFSA application at: www.fafsa.ed.gov -



Scholarships

Look for scholarship opportunities and deadlines at our Financial Aid Office.



Paying for College



Loan Opportunities

There is a mandatory loan seminar for loan applicants. Also, keep in mind that bankruptcy does not discharge student loans!



Grants

Different grants are also available. Check with the PTA department and your Student Success Coach. Ask about these grants:

- Panther Forgiveness Grant
- Completion Grant
- WIOA

Accreditation

- The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Morton College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Graduates are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) licensure



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Program Highlights

- We have experienced staff and faculty that want to help you succeed!
(CARE: Compassionate, All-Inclusive, Retention, Efforts)
- Classes sizes are small to better focus on the skills PTA's need.
- Newly renovated Health Careers classrooms and labs
- 1:1 Tutoring and Coaching
- Retention Specialists, Supplemental Review Sessions, Open Labs, Townhalls with Program Director and more!

C.A.R.E Program

Compassionate All -Inclusive Retention Effort

We believe that all students
can succeed with the right
effort and support.



C.A.R.E Program

Compassionate All -Inclusive Retention Effort



The CARE program offers additional support to all Physical Therapist Assistant students such as:

- Summer Orientation and Boot Camp
- All of our students are provided loaner IPADS while in the program
- Small or Large group review sessions on a weekly basis
- Open Lab – Mentorship Program on a weekly basis
- Summer Review Sessions every summer
- Implementation of consistent remediation plans for every single student on a semester basis
- NPTE complimentary prep sessions

Prerequisite Coursework

Successful completion of the following college courses, by the end of the Spring 2025 semester, with a minimum grade of "C" in each and completed within 5 years of beginning the program:

- **ENG 101** - Rhetoric I (Fall 2020 or after) or placement into ENG 101 on Accuplacer placement test
- **PHT 101** - Medical Terminology (Fall 2020 or after)
- **BIO 152** - Anatomy and Physiology (Fall 2020 or after)
- **PHY 100 OR equivalent** - Fundamentals of Physics (Fall 2020 or after).

- **Note:** Proof of minimum course completion or in-progress status for program pre-requisites must be submitted no later than **February 14th, 2025** to be considered for an interview for the PTA program.



Prerequisite Coursework

IMPORTANT

Please note:

- All prerequisite work **MUST** be completed
- **NO LATER THAN SPRING 2025**



General Education Coursework

The following courses may be completed prior to admission, or during the PTA program. However, it is highly recommended that they be completed prior to admission.

- **ENG 102** - Rhetoric II/SPE 101 or equivalent
- **PSY 101** - Introduction to Psychology
- **PSY 210 or 215** - Child Growth and Development or Life Span: Survey of Human Development
- **Humanities** - no admissions points granted for humanities courses

Note: Admission points will be granted for the courses above that are taken up until the end of Spring 2025 with the exception of the humanities courses.

Note: PSY 101 is a pre-requisite of PSY 210 and 215 and cannot be taken concurrently.

General Education Coursework



Please note: You do not have to complete all your general education coursework before applying to the program. However, it would improve your score and make you a stronger candidate as an applicant.

Curriculum

- **Degree Earned:**
Associate's in Applied Science
- **Length of the Program:**
2 years, Fall/Spring Semesters (17 weeks), no summer courses
- **Instructional Methods:**
Lecture, Lab, Hybrid Online, and Clinical Internship
- **3 Required Clinical Affiliations:** (4 weeks, 6 weeks, and 7 weeks)
- A criminal background check and physical examination/drug screen are required
- Students are required to have their own transportation
- Must pass each clinical affiliation in order to graduate from the program



Student Responsibilities for Clinical Affiliations

All students are responsible for the following:

- Being registered with tuition and fees paid for each Clinical Affiliation prior to its starting date.
- Completing required clinical health requirements, which include but is not limited to; criminal background check, 10 -panel drug screen, and have health insurance. More information once admitted into the PTA program.
- Students are responsible for all costs associated with each clinical affiliation.

Clinical Site Assignments

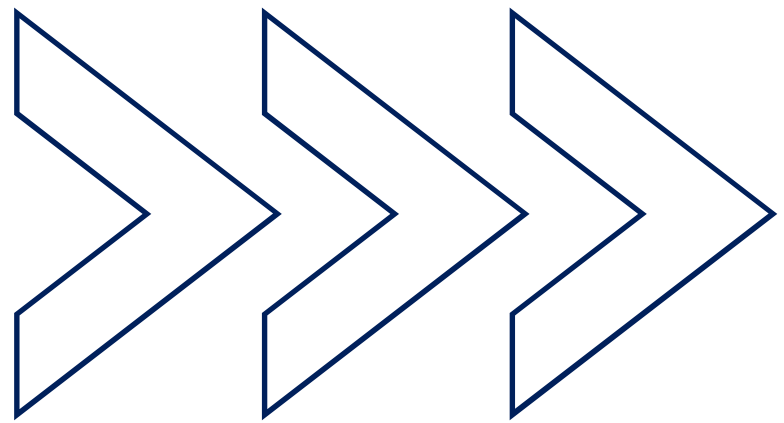
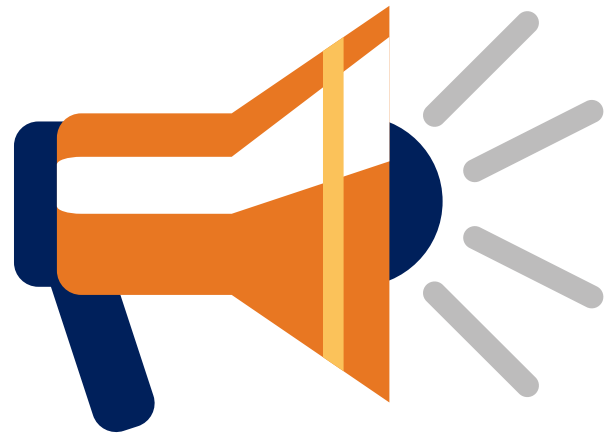
- Clinical sites are currently located throughout the greater Chicago area, in several counties surrounding metropolitan Chicago, and in northwestern Indiana.
- No guarantees will be made regarding the distance that students must travel to and from the clinical sites. Clinical assignments may involve out-of-town travel/accommodations.
- The Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE) schedules and assigns students to clinical experiences. Students are given opportunities to share information with the ACCE regarding their interests and preferences for locations and types of facilities for each level of clinical education.
- The final decision for the clinical assignment is made by the ACCE.

Please note: There are vaccination requirements.

Extremely Important Dates & Deadlines

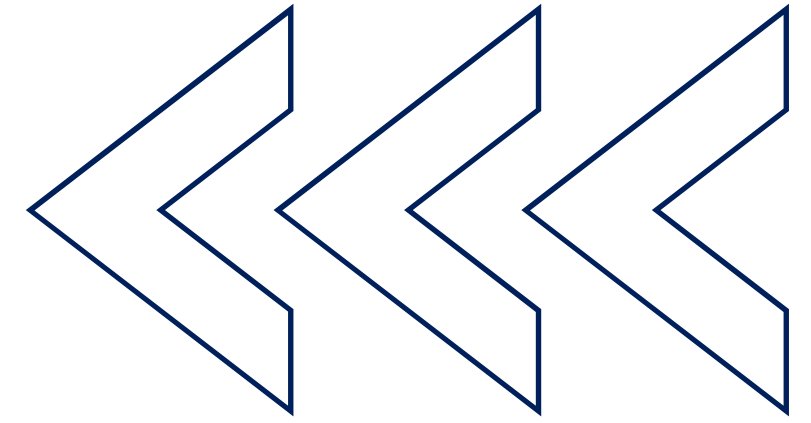
- **Application Submission Period:**
 - Application opens September 24, 2024
 - Applications closes January 14, 2025
- **Proof of In-District Employment Deadline:**
 - May 22, 2025
- **Transcripts:**
 - **Unofficial transcripts to be considered for PTA Interview:**
 - February 14th, 2025
 - **Submit Official High School Transcripts Deadline:**
 - May 22, 2025
 - **Submit Official College Transcripts Deadline:**
 - May 22, 2025





ATTENTION

DO NOT SCHEDULE ANY TRAVEL PLANS FROM THE TIME YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM UNTIL YOU GRADUATE FROM THE PROGRAM!



Emails, Texts, and Calls

- **Emails**

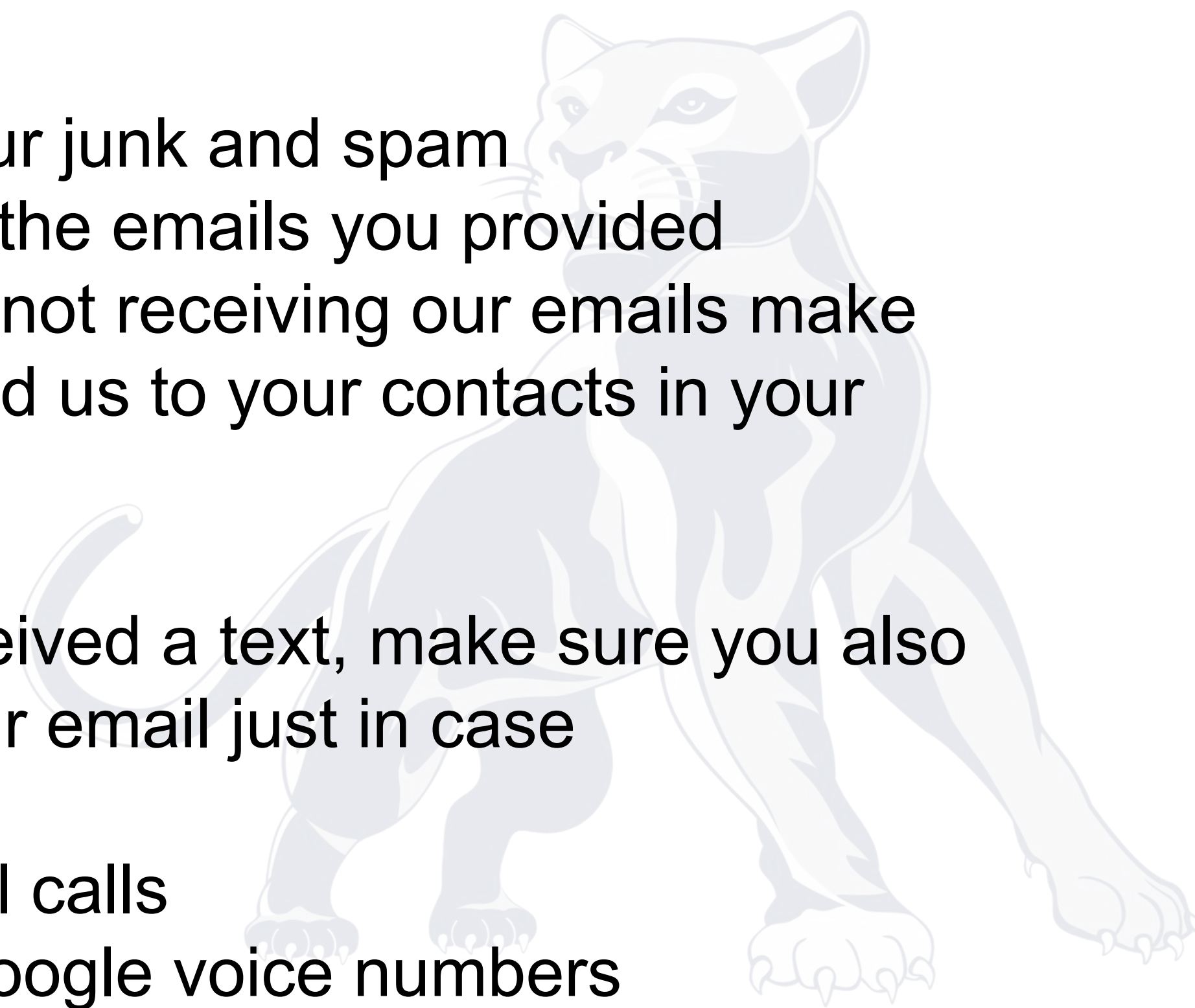
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- Check all the emails you provided
- If you are not receiving our emails make sure to add us to your contacts in your emails

- **Texts**

- If you received a text, make sure you also check your email just in case

- **Calls**

- Answer all calls
- We use google voice numbers



General Overview

- Apply to the PTA program
- Meet with your Student Success Coach
- Submit all required documents to the Office of Admissions and Records office as soon as possible
- Complete all prerequisite coursework
- Regularly monitor your Morton College email address
- Wait for an admission decision letter in your Morton College email



Any questions, comments, or
concerns?

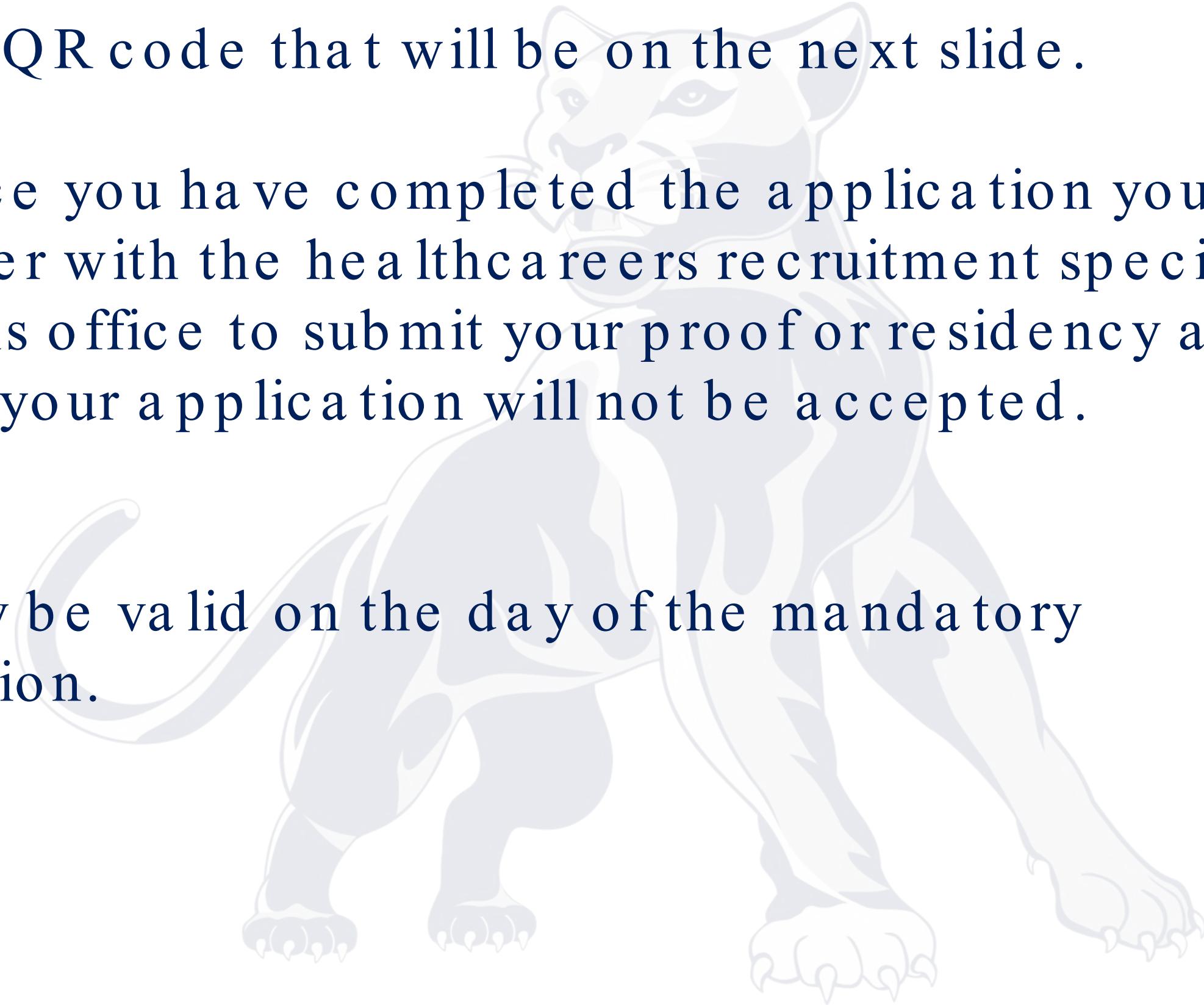
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We will now proceed to completing the application.

Please scan the QR code that will be on the next slide.

Please note, once you have completed the application you will have to walk over with the healthca reers recruitment speciali st to the admissions office to submit your proof of residency and checklist. If not, your application will not be accepted.

This link will only be valid on the day of the mandatory information session.



Completing the application

- Once you complete the application, you have the option of getting a copy of your responses
- You will see this screen once you complete the form
- At the very bottom (see red arrow) you will see the option for “**Print or get PDF of answers**”
- **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT THE FORM A SECOND TIME.** If there are changes that need to be made just email healthcarecareers@morton.edu



Completed!

Thank you for your interest in the Fall 2024 PTA program.

If you have any questions, please email healthcarecareers@morton.edu Thank you.

Reminder to check your junk mail. You will also receive text messages. If you are not receiving text messages or emails, please email healthcarecareers@morton.edu

Keep the information with you by saving your response.

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PTA Application QR Code



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Thank you for joining

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