

Physical Therapist Assistant Admission Information

Step 1. Submit your application to the college. After submitting your application to the college, you will receive a “R” number.

Step 2. Log into Raidernet using your “R” number to complete the Health Sciences Interest form. Indicate your interest in being admitted to the **Physical Therapist Assistant** program **no later than May 15** of the year you are seeking admission. You may indicate your interest in 3 health science programs but you need to designate which program is first area of interest, second area of interest, etc. You will be considered first for the program you designated as your 1st area of interest. If you are not admitted to that program, you will be considered for the next area of interest unless the application deadline has passed.

Step 3. Declare **AS Pre-Allied Health** as your major. If you have not already declared AS Pre-Allied Health as your major, you should change your major. This will best prepare you for admission to a Health Science program.

Step 4. Meet **minimum eligibility requirements** to be considered for admission to the **PTA program**. Minimum requirements are as follows:

- Grade of C or higher in required general education/supporting courses
- GPA of 2.5
- Completion of the 24 credits of required general education/supporting classes.
 - ENGL 1010
 - MATH 1530
 - ALHS 1211
 - Humanities elective
 - PSYC 2130 or PSYC 1030
 - BIOL 2010 (must be taken within 5 years of application)
 - BIOL 2020 (must be taken within 5 years of application)
 - PTAT 2200
- Completion of the required 12 hours of observation.

Step 5. Students meeting minimum eligibility requirements will be ranked on the following 3 criteria (see table below):

- GPA in courses required for the major
- Grade in required math/science courses
- Completion of the required 12 hours of observation or one year of work experience

Requirement	Description	Points
GPA in courses required in the major	See required courses listed in the college catalog. -ALHS 1211 -BIOL 2010 & 2020* -ENGL 1010 -Hum elective -MATH 1530 -PSYC 2130 or 1030 -PTAT 2200	Up to 2.99 = 0 point 3.0-3.25 = 1 point 3.26-3.5 = 2 points 3.51-3.75 = 3 points 3.76-4.0 = 4 points
Grade in required math/science courses <i>First grade achieved in BIOL 2010 and 2020 will be used for calculations</i>	MATH 1530 BIOL 2010 BIOL 2020	A = 4 points B = 3 points C = 0 points

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Completion of the required 12 hours of observation or one year of work experience	Performance Rating Form for observation provided in PTAT 2200	<p>(Grid Score + Recommended Score = Total Score).</p> <p><u>Grid Score:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">10-12 raw points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>06-09 raw points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>00-05 raw points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Recommended Score:</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Strongly recommend</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recommend</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recommend w/reservation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Do not recommend</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>One additional point is applied for candidates with one year of work experience as a PT technician.</i></p>	10-12 raw points	2	06-09 raw points	1	00-05 raw points	0	Strongly recommend	4	Recommend	3	Recommend w/reservation	1	Do not recommend	0
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Step 6: The top ranked 40 qualified applicants (Step 5) will be invited to participate in an interview for admission.

Applicants are evaluated during the interview as exceeding expectations, meeting expectations, or being below expectations on the following criteria:

- Professional appearance
- Knowledge and basic understanding of the profession
- Work ethic including initiative, responsibility, dependability, and punctuality
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Career motivation

Interview scores are averaged to determine the total points awarded.

Step 7: Of those interviewed and completing the required observations, the top 20 applicants will be offered admission to the program (Step 5 + Step 6). Applicants offered admission will be notified via an **“Alert”** in Raidernet and must accept or decline their admission within 1 week. After one week, the “Alert” will disappear. Failure to respond may result in the applicant forfeiting their selection for admission. Applicants not offered admission will need to **resubmit the area of interest form the following year.**