

## **Competitive Admission Process – Physical Therapist Assistant**

The review process begins on February 1 and continues on a rolling basis until 30 students are accepted.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is a direct-entry program. There are **NO** prerequisites required prior to submitting an application.

For students with less than 26 credit hours at the time of application, points are assigned based on high school GPA with consideration of any standardized test score available.

For transfer students ( $\geq 26$  credit hours) points are assigned based on transfer GPA at the time of application.

### **Letters of Recommendation:**

Three References (using our reference sheet) - Science Teacher, General Teacher, and Character reference. Points are assigned based on the quality of the recommendation given. References are welcome to supplement the provided form with an additional letter. Applicants who have been out of school for an extended period at the time of application may contact the Program Director to discuss substitution of alternate references for teacher references. Applicants should **NOT** substitute references without consultation with the Program Director.

### **Quality of Essay Responses:**

Essay Responses - Questions provided

Points are assigned based on the quality (information, grammar, spelling, professionalism) of the responses provided.

### **Additional Points:**

Additional points are given for any of the following. These are **NOT REQUIRED** for application to the Physical Therapist Assistant program. Applications are considered without completion/submission of the following.

Points are given for prior completion of KIN320, 321, AH 241 (or transfer equivalent), and/or PTH 207 with a final grade of A or B. These courses are **NOT** prerequisites. They are included in the PTA program curriculum.

Applicants will receive points for work experience or volunteering (not observation only) in a health care field.

Additional application points may be assigned for applicants with strong science grades, or a significant recent increase in GPA (for applicants that may have been out of school for a significant period of time).

**Additional Requirements for Application Submission:**

Current immunization records verifying vaccination or immunity through a titer of Hepatitis B, MMR, Varicella (record of disease is **NOT** sufficient for Varicella). A negative 2-step TB, Quantiferon or chest X-Ray.

Completion of a minimum of 10 hours of observation with a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant and completion of the provided form by the clinician. This requirement has been waived for fall 2021 applications due to COVID restrictions in healthcare settings. The requirement is TBD for fall 2022 applications based on restrictions in the months prior to the selection process.