

# PTA Program Application Process

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The PTA program selects an average of 18-20 students each year. In order to be eligible to apply, students must first meet all [PTA Program Application Requirements](#). Applications are evaluated through a competitive selection process utilizing verified points accumulated by the student. Phase I scores are calculated using:

1. GPA of general education courses completed in the degree plan multiplied by the number of courses completed (see below). *NOTE: One point will be deducted for each repeated degree plan course.* (Max 32 points)
2. [“Documentation of Experience Form”](#) scores. (Max 6 points)

Additional Points (Max 16) are awarded for:

- An ACT Composite score above 19
- An ACT Writing score above 6
- An “A” on the first attempt in Introduction to Physical Therapy (must have been taken within the last 2 years)
- A “B” or better in a College Success for Health Care course
- A previous degree or qualifying certificate

Please see [Application Points Computation Worksheet](#) for more detailed information.

Once Phase I points have been tabulated, the 30 applicants with the highest scores will be notified via email and asked to return for the second phase of the selection process by mid-June. Other applicants not selected for the second phase will be notified via email within 30 days of the application deadline. Phase II typically includes a [Health Occupations Aptitude Examination](#) (maximum 23 points) and brief interview with a small committee of clinicians and faculty (maximum 23 points). Phase I (maximum 54 points) and phase II (maximum 46 points) scores will be added (100 point scale) and applicants will be numerically ranked in descending order until maximum class size is reached.

The typical number of new positions available on an annual basis is 18-20. The final number of admissions is dependent on available resources. Applicants will receive notice via email of their status, i.e. accepted, alternate, or not accepted, by early July of the current year. In the case of tied applicants, finalists will be chosen based on 1) previous acceptance/alternate status, and 2) date of application.