

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Fall 2026 Application Points Computation Worksheet

Selection Criteria/Points:

The PTA Program selection process consists of two phases.

Phase I: The PTA Program selection process is based on a Point System Evaluation.

The following selection criteria are used in Phase I to determine the applicant's points:

I.	Pre-requisite Courses	(Max 12)
II.	HESI Scores	(Max 9)
III.	Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better	(Max 2)
IV.	Physical Therapy Observation Forms	(Max 2)
V.	Additional/Optional Points	(Max 14)

Completed applications will be processed to determine PTA Program Selection Process eligibility. Applicants who do not satisfy all requirements will be notified via email within 30 days.

PHASE II-A

Following submission of a completed application, all qualified applicants will receive an emailed copy of the most recent *PTA Program Manual of Student Standards*. You are to study the Manual ***in detail*** in preparation for the upcoming timed Phase II-A Selection process assessment, which will take place mid-June of the current year. You will receive an email with information on where to report to take the exam via Blackboard, earlier that week.

This open-book assessment consists of a random assortment of 70-80 questions concerning the standards and guidelines relevant to all PTA students.

As this is an "open book" assessment, you are expected to utilize a printed copy of the *PTA Program Manual of Student Standards* during the assessment. Multiple attempts are permissible; candidates are allowed to restart from the beginning for additional attempts as needed and as time allows, during the 4-hour testing window. Questions will be randomized for each exam attempt. Please make sure you have current access to Blackboard and Honorlock.

To complete the required online *PTA Program Manual of Student Standards* assessment, applicants will need a laptop computer. I-pads or tablets are not compatible with testing requirements.

NOTE: Applicants who earn the required passing score of 85% on the FIRST ATTEMPT will be assigned three (3) Phase I bonus points.

Applicants who earn the required passing score of 85% within TWO ATTEMPTS will be assigned one (1) Phase I bonus point.

Applicants who are unable to complete this assessment with an 85% or better during the scheduled 4-hour testing period will not be considered for Phase II-B of the PTA Program selection process. There will be no additional opportunity to take the assessment during the 2026 application cycle.

Phase I: PTA Program 2026 Application & Selection Process (38 points)

I. PRE-REQUISITE COURSES (12) The following courses must be completed with a "B" or higher	Pre-requisite Grades A= 4 B =0 (circle one)	Course Repeat - 1 point (Deduct 1 pt. each time the course was repeated)	Enter Points
a. BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I	A =4 B =0		
b. ENGL 1301 Composition	A =4 B =0		
c. PTHA 1409 Introduction to Physical Therapy	A =4 B =0		
II. HESI A ² (ADMISSION ASSESSMENT) EXAM (9) HESI A ² Exam must have been taken within the last two years	HESI A ² Score (circle one)		Enter Points
If completed, please indicate score information: HESI A ² Exam Composite Score = 75 % or better	Composite Score: _____ %		N/A
a. English Language Composite = 75% or better Test Score: _____ Test Date: _____	HESI A2 English 100% - 90% = 3 points 89% - 83 % = 2 points 82% - 76% = 1 point		
b. Math Composite = 75% or better Test Score: _____ Test Date: _____	HESI A2 Math 100% - 90% = 3 points 89% - 83 % = 2 points 82% - 76% = 1 point		
c. Science Composite = 75% or better Test Score: _____ Test Date: _____	HESI A2 Science 100% - 90% = 3 points 89% - 83 % = 2 points 82% - 76% = 1 point		
III. CUMULATIVE GPA 3.0 or better (2)	Cumulative GPA (circle one)		Enter Points
Cumulative GPA as listed on the South Texas College Transcript: _____	4.00 – 3.50 = 2 points 3.49 – 3.10 = 1 point 3.00 = 0 points		
IV. PHYSICAL THERAPY OBSERVATION FORM (2)	Points averaged from 2 forms		Enter Points
	Recommended without reservation = 2 points Recommended with reservation = 1 point Not recommended = 0 points		

		Additional Points (Circle one)	Course Repeat -1 point (Deduct 1 pt. each time the course was repeated)	Enter points
V. ADDITIONAL/OPTIONAL POINTS: (13) The following courses are not required to apply for the program; however, completion will assist the applicant to earn additional points. Unless otherwise indicated, these courses are needed to graduate.				
BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology II		Grade A = 3 points Grade B = 2 points Grade C (S) = 0 points		
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development		Grade A = 2 points Grade B = 1 point Grade C (S) = 0 points		
Humanities Elective: (Check one) _____ HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities _____ PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy _____ PHIL 2303 Logic _____ PHIL 2306 Ethics		Grade A = 2 points Grade B = 1 point Grade C (S) = 0 points		
		Additional Points (Circle one)		Enter points
CSFH 0101 STC College Success for Healthcare Course (not required to graduate)		Grade A = 1 point Grade B = 0.5 point		
HITT 1305 STC Medical Terminology I Course (not required to graduate)		Grade A = 1 point Grade B = 0.5 point		
PTHA 1409 Introduction to PT Final Course Grade 95% or better on 1 st ATTEMPT (course must have been taken within the last 2 years) Note: Course repeat does not apply.	Final Course Grade: _____%	Grade 95% or better = 3 points		
PREVIOUS DEGREE: (Points awarded for highest degree earned) (Must submit proof of the previous degree earned) Master's Degree or Higher Bachelor's Degree Associate's degree Certificate (Verifiable and related to the medical profession/allied health)		Masters + = 2 points Bachelors = 1 points Associates = 0.5 point Certificate = 0.25 point		
PHASE I Maximum Total Points = 39		Total Points		

All qualified applicants will be scheduled to participate in Phase II-A. This phase includes an open book, timed online PTA Program Manual of Student Standards Assessment. A personal laptop and Honorlock is required. A score of 85% or better is required during the scheduled 4-hour testing period to proceed to Phase II-B. Points will be awarded to candidates who achieve the required passing score within 2 attempts; students who are unable to pass the assessment will be ineligible to proceed to Phase II-B.

Phase II-A: PTA Program 2026 Application & Selection Process (3 points)

PTA PROGRAM MANUAL OF STUDENT STANDARDS ASSESSMENT: Qualified applicants are required to earn a score of 85% or better during the scheduled 4-hour testing period.	Additional Points (Circle one)	Enter Points
Number of exam attempts = _____ Exam Score = _____ % Does Applicant proceed to Phase II-B (please circle one) Yes or No This exam will be on campus and administered via Blackboard Respondus. A personal laptop is required.	A passing score of 85% on 1st Attempt = 3 bonus points A passing score of 85% on 2nd Attempt = 1 bonus point	
PHASE II-A Maximum Points = 3	Total Points	

PHASE II-B:

Once APPLICATION (Phase I) POINTS and SELECTION Phase II-A points have been tabulated, the 30-40 applicants with the highest scores will be notified via email and asked to return for Phase II-B. Phase II-B activities will tentatively take place on mid to late June of the current year (in-house written assignment and personal interview) at STC's HSP Campus. Individual appointment times will be emailed the week before. Applicants not selected for the second phase will be notified via email within 30 days of the application deadline.

Selection Phase II-B: The following selection criterion is used in Phase II to determine the applicant's points:

Phase II-B (40 points)	Available Points	Enter Points
Written Assignment Applicants will receive an on-site prompt related to their observation/experience hours and instructions related to length and formatting for the completion of a written submission. Writing will be scored utilizing a rubric for a maximum of 5 points; points will be awarded for the development of a clear, concise, quality response, utilizing proper format, spelling, grammar, and syntax.	Excellent = 5 points Good = 3 points Fair = 1 point Poor = 0 points	
Interview Applicants will meet face-to-face on campus with interview committee members and respond to a series of interview questions. This offers candidates an opportunity to demonstrate communication and interpersonal skills, judgment, maturity, and the qualities that are important for a future therapist.	35 points max	
PHASE II B Maximum Total Points = 40	Total Points	

Phase I and II scores will be added, and applicants will be ranked from highest to lowest points.

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<u>FINAL APPLICATION POINTS:</u>	
PHASE I/Application Points:	_____ (Max. 39)
PHASE II-A Handbook Points:	_____ (Max. 3)
PHASE II-B Written Assignment	_____ (Max 5)
PHASE II-B Interview Points:	_____ (Max. 35)
FINAL Application Points:	_____ (Max. 82)
STUDENT RANKING:	_____ / _____

The typical number of new positions available on an annual basis is 20-21. The final number of admissions is dependent on available resources. Applicants will receive a notice via email of their status, i.e., accepted, alternate, or not accepted, by the first week in July of the current year. In the case of tied applicants, finalists will be chosen based on 1) previous acceptance/alternate status and 2) the date of application.

NOTE: The applicant's responsibility is to ensure an appropriate South Texas College student email address is provided to allow for timely notification of application status.