

**Rubric for Admission to Physical Therapist Assistant Program**

<b>CRITERIA</b>	<b>STATUS/SCORE</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
SAT scores of 900 or above (combined scores of Math & Verbal) or Act scores 18 or above		<900 = 0 900-999= 1 1000-1099= 2 1100- 1199=3 ≥1200=4
Accuplacer Scores in lieu of SAT scores (minimum score of 70 on each section) Algebra/ Reading/ Sentence		<70 = 0 70- 79 = 1 80-89 = 2 90 – 99 = 3 >99 = 4
High School GPA 2.5 or higher; <i>high school GPA/college course GPA</i>		< 2.5 = 0 2.5- 2.99 = 1/2 3.0- 3.5 = 2/3 3.6 – 4.0 = 3/4
1 year of Algebra with a “C” or higher <i>high school courses/college course</i>		< C = 0 C+ - C = 1/2 B- - B = 2/3 B+ - A = 3/4
2 years of English with a “C” or higher <i>high school courses/college course</i>		
1 year of Biology with a “C” or higher <i>high school courses/college course</i>		
Recommended 1 year of an additional life science or physics with a “C” of higher <i>high school courses/college course</i>		
Interview with Program Director (receive a 15/18 on interview rubric)		
Observation/Volunteer/Work at a Physical Therapy Clinic for a minimum of 15 hours		1
Application Essays		1
2 Recommendations (1 from a Physical therapist or physical therapist assistant)		1
Total Score (maximum = 35 points)*		

## PTA Applicant Interview Rubric

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	1	2	3	Score
<b>Appearance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overall appearance is untidy</li> <li>▪ Choice in clothing is inappropriate for any interview (torn unclean, wrinkled)</li> <li>▪ Poor grooming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Appearance is somewhat untidy</li> <li>▪ Choice in clothing is inappropriate (shirt untucked, tee-shirt, too much jewelry, etc.)</li> <li>▪ Grooming attempt is evident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overall neat appearance</li> <li>▪ Choice in clothing is acceptable for the type of interview</li> <li>▪ Well groomed (ex. Shirt tucked in, jewelry blends with clothing, minimal wrinkles)</li> </ul>	
<b>Greeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unacceptable behavior and language</li> <li>▪ Unfriendly and not courteous</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Used typical behavior and language – did modify behavior to fit the interview</li> <li>▪ Attempts to be courteous to all in interview setting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acceptable behavior, well-mannered and attentive,</li> <li>▪ Courteous to all involved in interview</li> </ul>	
<b>Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation shows lack of interest</li> <li>▪ Speaking is unclear – very difficult to understand message of what is being said (ex. mumbling)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Showed some interest</li> <li>▪ Speaking is unclear– lapses in sentence structure and grammar</li> <li>▪ Uncertain about purpose</li> </ul> <p>Volume is uneven (varied)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Showed interest throughout the interview</li> <li>▪ Speaking clearly</li> <li>▪ Minimal mistakes in sentence structure and grammar</li> <li>▪ Knowledge and facts are included/shared</li> <li>▪ Volume is appropriate</li> </ul>	
<b>Body Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fidgeted – ex. constant movement of hands and feet</li> <li>▪ Lack of eye contact</li> <li>▪ Slouching all the time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fidgeted – ex. movement of hands and feet frequently</li> <li>▪ Eye contact is made intermittently</li> <li>▪ Occasionally slouching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimal fidgeting (ex. occasionally shifting)</li> <li>▪ Occasional loss of eye contact</li> <li>▪ Brief slouching, but quickly correcting self</li> </ul>	
<b>Responding to Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inappropriate answers to questions</li> <li>▪ Did not attempt to answer questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gives acceptable answers but not always accurate</li> <li>▪ Attempts to answer questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Answers are acceptable and accurate</li> <li>▪ Answers questions</li> </ul>	
<b>Asking Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No questions asked</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Student asked inappropriate questions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asked relevant questions relating to program</li> </ul>	
<b>Total</b>				