PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Admissions Criteria 2016-2017

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CORE GPA
The score is calculated using a factor of 8xGPA. A minimum 2.5 GPA in core courses is required. If core courses are in progress, mid-term grades will be used. A minimum final grade of “C” in all core courses is required. Core courses consist of the required pre-requisite classes for the PTA program. This total accounts for 32% of the final score.

OBSERVATIONS
Two observations are required (four hours in an inpatient/skilled setting and four hours in an outpatient setting). Refer to “Observation Assessment” form for details. This requirement accounts for 14% of the final score.

ESSAYS
Two essays are required. Refer to the essay forms for information. This requirement accounts for 10% of the final score.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
Three letters of recommendation are required. Refer to “Applicant Letter of Recommendation” form for details. This requirement accounts for 12% of the final score.

RESUME
A professional resume is required. This requirement accounts for 6% of the final.

The following information may result in extra points and must include the dates of participation, supervisors’ names, phone numbers, and email addresses (if applicable). The program’s admission committee may perform random audits on the submitted resumes to confirm authenticity.

- Comprehensive education history
  - High school class rank (up to 2 extra points)
  - Previous degree(s) (up to 4 extra points)
- Military experience (up to 1 extra point)
  - Branch and rank
- Sports participation - high school and/or college (Up to 2 extra points)
- Paid coaching experience (Up to 2 extra points)
- Volunteer experience (Up to 3 extra points)
  - Up to 100 hours
  - Performed within the past five years
- Previous employment in related fields (e.g. physical therapy aide/tech, CNA, medication aide, dietary aide, etc.) (Up to 3 extra points)
- Learning Skills for Success course (2 extra points)
  - To be completed upon entering program in January. A Withdrawal, Fail, or Incomplete by an applicant in the Learning Skills course will forfeit their position in the program.
- Bilingualism (2 extra points)

INTERVIEW
Top scoring applicants will be invited to a personal interview, which will account for 26% of the final score.

For information regarding observation expectations, letter of recommendation references, professional resume format and mock interviews, contact Terri Heggemeyer, Director of Career Services.
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For information regarding essay format, grammar and spelling, contact the Writer’s Clinic.
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