



# Jefferson College

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

### PTA Program Application Points System

The PTA Program is equipped and accredited to accept up to 24 students. Applications are reviewed immediately after the application due date passes. Each application is scored based on the below points system. The 24 applicants whose applications earn the highest scores are offered admission into the PTA Program. The PTA Program also accepts up to 4 alternates who can be offered a position in the Program should one of the originally accepted students decline the position offered to them. There is no waiting list. Students not accepted into the program or alternates who do not fill a vacated position need to re-apply at the next application period. For those who reapply, portions of the application, such as the HESI Admissions Exam and letter of recommendation can be reused the following year. Other portions of the application, such as the interview and onsite essay will need to be repeated in the next application period.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Calculation</b>	<b>Number of Points (rounded to the nearest half point)</b>
<b>GPA</b>	Applicant GPA/4.0 X 100	100
<b>Grade in PTA100/BIO211</b> <i>Total Points are divided by  the number of times the class  was attempted before earning  the minimum "B" or better.</i>	A=4.0/4.0 X 100	100
	B=3.0/4.0 X 100	75
<b>HESI Admission Scores</b>	Total of 4 subscores/ Total Possible Points(400)X 100	100
<b>HESI Critical Thinking Score</b>	Total Score/ Total Possible Points (1000)X 100	100
<b>Grade in ENG101/ENG102*</b>	A=4.0/4.0 X 50	50
	B=3.0/4.0 X 50	37.5
<b>Interview**</b>	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(60)X 50	50
<b>Onsite Essay***</b>	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(50)X 50	50
<b>Application Addendum***</b>	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(35)X 50	50
<b>Assignment in lieu of Observation Hours***</b>	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(20)X 50	50
<b>Letter of Recommendation***</b>	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(10)X 25	25

\*If both courses have been completed, the higher grade will earn points.

\*\*Rubric available on PTA Program website: [www.jeffco.edu/PTA](http://www.jeffco.edu/PTA)

\*\*\*Rubrics below.

## Onsite Essay/ Short Answer Questions/Assignment in lieu of Observation Hours Scoring Guides

<b>Written Communication Skills (From the onsite Essay)</b>	<b>50 Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Grammar/Punctuation	10		
Essay/Paragraph structure	10		
Spelling*	5		
Followed guidelines for paper (font, size)	10		
Thorough & effective expression of ideas	10		
Addressed all parts of the questions*	5		
* Applicant receives 0 or 5 points			
<b>Answers to Written Questions Distributed at the Interview</b>	<b>35 Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Time Management	5		
Stress Management	5		
Professionalism	5		
Constructive Feedback	5		
Unique, personal motivation	5		
Selling self	5		
What student would do if not accepted	5		
<b>Answers to Assignment In lieu of Observation Hours*</b>	<b>20 Points Possible</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Learned from videos	5		
Follow up questions/New information applicant would like to have	5		
PT Setting in which applicant would to work	5		
Emotional Impression/reaction from Neurorehab or ICU Video	5		
*Graded on grammar, spelling, depth of development of answers			
Total Points Awarded	105		
Percentage (Total Points/105)			

**Letter of Recommendation (10 points possible):**

Characteristic Chart	Up to 10 points
Recommender Checks Box noting reservations with applicant <i>OR</i>	
Checks Box noting not to recommend the applicant for admission	Deduct 3 points
Received late	Deduct 2 points
Incorrect format/letter used	Deduct 2 points
Missing a page/pages	Deduct 1 point per page
Received without a signature across the back flap of the envelope	Deduct 1 point

**Volunteer or Work Experience:**

(Information taken from online application)

- Volunteer or Work Experience in a PT clinic or healthcare setting (Minimum 6 months experience) 3 bonus points

**PTA Program Application, Demands Acknowledgment Form, Background Check Authorization Form, Drug Screen Authorization, and Clinical Requirements and Vaccinations Forms:** Must be signed and returned.

**Application Fee:** \$50.00 must be paid and receipt included with application. If accepted, an additional \$100.00 fee must be paid to cover the cost of required background checks and drug screen prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

**Legal Record:**

If an applicant has any past incidents on his/her legal record, after the background check has been completed, the student will meet with the PTA Program faculty to discuss potential barriers to progression through the Clinical component of the PTA Curriculum as well as the additional information that will need to be provided to the state when applying for licensure just prior to graduation. Having a legal record will not exclude any individual from possible admission to the PTA Program.