



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 points system below. 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 observation hours and letter of recommendation, can be reused the following year. Other portions of the application, such as the Work Keys Assessment and onsite essay, can be repeated in an effort to gain more points or reused “as is” in the next application period.

Criteria	Calculation	Number of Points (rounded to the nearest half point)
GPA	Applicant GPA/4.0 X 100	100
Grade in PTA100/BIO211 <i>Total Points will be 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
Work Keys Scores	Total of 3 subscores/ Total Possible Points(20)X 100	100
Grade in ENG101/ENG102*	A=4.0/4.0 X 50	50
	B=3.0/4.0 X 50	37.5
Interview**	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(45)X 50	50
Essay***	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(50)X 50	50
Application Addendum***	Total Earned Points/ Total Possible Points(35)X 50	50
Letter of Recommendation***	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

***Rubrics below.

Essay Scoring Guide

Written Communication Skills (From the Essay)	55 Points Possible	Points Awarded	Comments
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*	10		
* Applicant receives 0 or 5 points			
Answers to Written Questions Emailed after Virtual Interview	55 Points Possible	Points Awarded	Comments
Difference between PT and PTA	10		
Greatest Strength	5		
Greatest Weakness	5		
Stress Management	5		
Time Management	5		
Song/Book, Movie Character	5		
Ethics	5		
Unique, personal motivation	5		
Selling self	5		
What student would do if not accepted	5		
Total Points Awarded	110		
Percentage (Total Points/110)			

Letter of Recommendation (10 points possible):

Characteristic Chart	Up to 10 points
Recommender Checks Box noting reservations with applicant OR	
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

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.