

## Lackawanna College

### Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program PTA Application

All application materials available on this website are for informational purposes only and are not to be utilized for application to this program. If interested in applying to this program, please discuss next steps with your academic advisor or enrollment counselor to use our Epicor system for supplemental application submission.

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Information provided on this form will be used to make future contact via phone, email, and/or standard mail. Please make sure all information is up to date and correct. This will be the contact information we use to contact you for official notification letters or other information.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Maiden Name/Other Names Used (for transcript purposes)</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Work Phone</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	

### Part 1: Prerequisite Course Work

When applying to the Lackawanna College PTA Program, a student must prove that they are capable of completing this rigorous program with proof of previous success in studying the sciences. This can be done in one of three ways:

1. The student has completed Biology, Chemistry, or Anatomy and Physiology in high school within the past three years with a passing grade of C or better. An official high school transcript must be sent to Lackawanna College as evidence.
2. The student has completed a three (3) or four (4) credit college level course eligible for transfer within Lackawanna College in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, or Anatomy and Physiology with a passing grade of C or better. An official college transcript must be sent to Lackawanna College as evidence.
3. If neither of the above scenarios applies, a student must enroll in a college level Biology, Physics, Chemistry or Anatomy and Physiology course before applying to the PTA Program. If a student is currently enrolled in this course while in the process of applying to the PTA Program, the student may receive probationary acceptance while completing this course. Evidence by way of an official college transcript must be received confirming completion of the course with a grade of C or better for official entry into the Fall semester of the PTA Program. Should the applicant either not complete the course or not receive the requisite grade, they will then forfeit the seat within the PTA Program.

<b>Science Course</b> (Only 1 of the following courses listed below is needed)	<b>Year / Semester Completed</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Institution Where Course was Completed</b>	<b>Currently in Progress?</b>	
<b>Anatomy and Physiology</b>				Yes	No
<b>Physics</b>				Yes	No
<b>Biology</b>				Yes	No
<b>Chemistry</b>				Yes	No

## Part 2: Past or Current Course Work for Possible Transfer

Please provide the following information on any college level courses completed or college level courses currently in progress that may be eligible for direct transfer into Lackawanna College or the PTA Program. All general education courses, in addition to Anatomy and Physiology (4 credit), Medical Ethics (3 credit) and Medical Terminology (1 credit), must be passed with a C or better and taken within the past five years OR as part of a completed degree in a healthcare-related field to be eligible for transfer.

Computer Applications courses must have been taken within the last five years to be eligible for transfer.

Previous coursework will be evaluated by the Registrar in direct relation to the student's declared major.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Year / Semester Completed</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Institution Where Course was Completed</b>	<b>Currently in Progress?</b>	
<b>Effective Speaking</b>				Yes	No
<b>College Writing</b>				Yes	No
<b>Math (college algebra or higher)</b>				Yes	No
<b>Psychology</b>				Yes	No
<b>Intro to Computer Applications</b>				Yes	No
<b>Anatomy and Physiology (4 credits)</b>				Yes	No
<b>Medical Ethics</b>				Yes	No
<b>Medical Terminology</b>				Yes	No

## Part 3: Transcripts

Submit an official sealed copy of all transcripts (both high school and college) for institutions previously attended even if a degree was not completed.

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Part 4: Assessments

Please list scores for the following if completed. Forward official copies of test scores to Lackawanna College.

SAT: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: \_\_\_\_\_

Lackawanna College Accuplacer: \_\_\_\_\_

Part 5: Formal Education

Please provide information for all that apply.

	Institution Name	Degree or Major	Dates Attended		Degree Earned?	
High School			From:	To:	Yes	No
Trade School / Certificate Program Graduate			From:	To:	Yes	No
Associate Degree			From:	To:	Yes	No
Bachelor’s Degree			From:	To:	Yes	No
Master’s Degree			From:	To:	Yes	No
Doctoral Degree			From:	To:	Yes	No
Other			From:	To:	Yes	No

Part 5: Past Work Experience

Please describe your work experience over the past 10 years beginning with current or most recent employment.

Name of Employer	Supervisor Name	Phone Number	Dates of Employment		Job Title	Reason for Leaving
			From:	To:		
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## Part 6: References

Please provide three different individuals the reference form located on the PTA page of the Lackawanna College website. These forms should be completed by the individual and then emailed to [PTAadmissions@lackawanna.edu](mailto:PTAadmissions@lackawanna.edu) or mailed directly to the Admissions Department at Lackawanna College. It is suggested that you provide an addressed, stamped envelope with the reference to the individuals you are requesting a recommendation from. Please address envelopes with the following address:

**Lackawanna College  
c/o Admissions Department  
501 Vine Street  
Scranton, PA 18509**

**Family members or close personal friends are not permitted for use as references.** It is recommended but not required that you provide a reference from:

An educator

A former or current employer or supervisor

An individual of your choice other than a family member

Please list the names of the individuals providing the references below. This will allow us to confirm receipt of each of your references as they arrive.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_



## Part 7: Reflective Essays

Two short essays are required to be submitted with your application for admission to the PTA program. Please consult the scoring rubric to ensure that all requirements are met. *Your essay scores play a large part in determining your eligibility for an interview. Please utilize the pages at the end of this document to type and submit your essays.*

### Essay 1 Prompt

Think of three attributes or characteristics that you look for in a healthcare professional. Describe why an individual with those attributes makes a good healthcare professional. Identify the qualities you feel you yourself possess, and describe how they will enhance your role as a student within this program and as a future medical professional.

### Essay 2 Prompt

Please explain in detail something particular that you experienced during your clinical observation hours and describe how that experience has strengthened your desire to further pursue a career as a Physical Therapist Assistant. **Please adhere to HIPAA confidentiality guidelines by not identifying patients, therapists, or facilities by name.**

### Essay Scoring Guidelines

Your essay will be scored with an essay rubric looking at the following items:

- Focus
- Content/Quality
- Organization /Development
- Vocabulary/Grammar

Each area will be scored using the following scale and a final essay score rendered:

- 0- Unacceptable
- 2- Poor
- 4- Fair
- 6- Good
- 8- Excellent

Please see the Essay Scoring Rubric PDF on the PTA web page for complete scoring components.

## Part 8: Informational Session

Attendance is required at an informational session prior to entry into this program. PTA Program Nights are offered at various times throughout the calendar year. The session will provide you with further details regarding this program including: application, expectations, program progression and curriculum, clinical education, and our current accreditation status. You are encouraged to bring questions regarding any aspect of this program from application and admission to graduation. This session will provide you with information to make a well-informed decision regarding your future education. Several dates and times will be made available to accommodate scheduling needs of the applicants. Parents, legal guardians, and spouses are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled sessions throughout the year, you may contact the PTA Program Director or Admissions to set up a personal meeting to discuss program information.

**PTA Program Director:** (570) 961-6100, ext. 1026

**Admissions:** (570) 961-7898

Part 9: Interview and In-Person Writing Sample

Once a completed application is evaluated by core faculty, applicants who receive a score that qualifies them to move to the interview process (please refer to Admissions Rubric for eligibility scoring) will be contacted via email to setup an interview time. The personal interview and writing sample is the final process by which the PTA Program faculty will have a chance to directly interact and get to know you as an individual. This is considered a professional interview. Interviews will last approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. For a copy of the interview scoring rubric, please refer to the Interview Rubric PTA PDF on the PTA web page for full details.

- 1. Please arrive appropriately dressed and on time for your interview.
- 2. Interview dates and times are offered based on the availability of PTA faculty members.
- 3. **The offering of an interview is in no way a guarantee of acceptance into the PTA program.**

Additional requirements for accepted students

Following acceptance into the PTA program, there will be further requested items that must be completed at the student’s expense and uploaded to a secure storage site *prior to entry into the fall term*. Items include:

- Proof of current Adult, Child, and Infant CPR certification and AED training. All courses must be in person and can NOT be completed as an online course.
- Proof of current health insurance.
- Recent physical and full immunization records.
- Required background checks and clearances.
- Mandatory drug screenings (10-panel urinalysis).
- 2-step PPD test confirmation.
- Other items as indicated by program faculty/staff.

During the application process, please submit all materials to [PTAadmissions@lackawanna.edu](mailto:PTAadmissions@lackawanna.edu) or to

Lackawanna College  
c/o Admissions Department  
501 Vine Street  
Scranton, PA 18509

PTA Application Checklist - To be completed by the applicant

Requirement	Date of Completion
Prerequisite Coursework	
Past or Current Transfer Coursework	
Transcripts, GPA, SAT/ACT/Accuplacer	
Past Work Experience	
References	
Reflective Essays	
Attend Informational Session	

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