

Lackawanna College
Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program
PTA Application

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.

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

Prerequisite Course Work

Students who are interested in applying for the PTA program must fill out an additional application and complete requirements above and beyond the general college requirements for potential admission. These include:

1. **Proof of success in the sciences.** This can be done in one of three ways:
 - a. The student has completed at least one of the following high school courses within the past three years with a passing grade of a C or better:
 - i. Biology,
 - ii. Chemistry,
 - iii. or Anatomy and Physiology
 1. *An official high school transcript must be sent to Lackawanna College as evidence.
 - b. The student has completed at least one of the following three (3) or four (4) credit college level courses eligible for transfer within Lackawanna College in with a passing grade of a C or better:
 - i. Biology,
 - ii. Physics,
 - iii. Chemistry,
 - iv. or Anatomy and Physiology
 1. *An official college transcript must be sent to Lackawanna College as evidence.
 - c. If neither of the above scenarios applies, a student must enroll in at least one of the following college level courses before applying to the PTA program:
 - i. Biology,
 - ii. Physics,
 - iii. Chemistry
 - iv. or Anatomy and Physiology
 1. a. 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.
 - a. 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.
 - b. Should the applicant either not complete the course or not receive the requisite grade, they will then forfeit the seat within the PTA Program.

Science Course	Year / Semester Completed	Grade	Institution Where Course was Completed	Currently in Progress?

Past or Current Course Work for Possible Transfer

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

Assessments

Please forward official copies of test scores, including SAT, ACT, and Accuplacer to ptaenrollment@lackawanna.edu.

Formal Education

Please provide information for all that apply.

	Institution Name	Degree or Major	Degree Earned?	
High School		N/A	Yes	No
Trade School / Certificate Program Graduate			Yes	No
Associate Degree			Yes	No
Bachelor's Degree			Yes	No
Other			Yes	No

Past Healthcare Work Experience

Please indicate any previous work experience in the healthcare field. If none, please write 'N/A'.

References

Please provide three different individuals the professional reference form located on the PTA page of the Lackawanna College website. These forms should be completed by the individual and then emailed to ptaenrollment@lackawanna.edu.

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.

Reference Name: _____ Date Emailed to Reference: _____ Reference Email: _____

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Reflective Essay

One short essay is 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 score plays a large part in determining your eligibility for an interview. Please see the Essay Scoring Rubric PDF on the PTA web page for complete scoring components and submit all completed essays to ptaenrollment@lackawanna.edu.*

Essay 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.

PTA Lab Observation

All applicants are required to attend a Lab Observation Day in the PTA program before applying. The dates of lab observation can be found on the Events link of the Lackawanna College website, or can be set up individually by emailing the PTA Program Director at murraym@lackawanna.edu. These sessions will expose prospective students to the content and style of teaching in the program, and will allow prospective students to meet the faculty and current students to ensure they have a complete picture of what the PTA program entails.

If you are unable to attend a scheduled PTA Lab Observation session due to unforeseen circumstances, please contact the PTA Program Director at murraym@lackawanna.edu.

PTA Program Director: (570) 504-1497

Enrollment: (877) 346-3552

Clinical Observation

Students applying to the PTA program must observe physical therapy in at least two different settings for a total of ten (10) hours. Students are expected to be passive observers and use these experiences to learn more about the field. Forms must be completed and signed by professionals as proof of these observation hours. Please see the *PTA Observation Form to record your clinical observation hours*.

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 one hour.

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 **by the designated program date in the fall term**. Items include, but are not limited to:

- 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 ptaenrollment@lackawanna.edu.