

Lackawanna COLLEGE

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Physical Therapist Assistant Program Admissions Rubric (Updated FA26 Enrollment Cycle)

Pre-interview rubric

Category	Requirement	Points Breakdown	Student Scores
Professionalism	Professional behavior Takes initiative Professional communication	10 points <i>Applicant demonstrated initiative and maintained productive relationship with core faculty</i> Yes: 5 points ☐ No: 0 points ☐ <i>Applicant communicated verbally and in writing in an effective, respectful, and timely manner with core faculty</i> Yes: 5 points ☐ No: 0 points ☐	
Previous work experience in healthcare field	Has worked in healthcare field	5 points	
Academic Ability	GPA (x 10 for point total) *Note: Students require 2.33 for consideration of program admission * Students with no college credits: HS GPA will be used *Students with less than 15 college credits or less than 2 semesters of college courses: HS and College GPAs will be averaged *Students with greater than 15 college credits or more than 2 semesters of college courses: College GPA will be used	Maximum of 40 points (with GPA 4.0) <i>Highest level of completed coursework:</i> High School ☐ College ☐	

Biological Science Completed?	Grade:	0 Points – prereq is basic requirement	
SAT or Accuplacer OR One year of College	If applicable, SAT or Accuplacer Exam Score: *Note: Students must have SAT total or Accuplacer scores > College requirement for consideration of program admission	Complete: ☐ Incomplete: ☐	
Community Endorsement	Reference Letters *5 possible points per rated area; 7 areas; 3 total references with each item averaged	Maximum of 35	
Insight into the Profession	Observation Hours (Two settings required)	>= 10 total observation hours completed: ☐ Observed in two different settings: ☐	
Essays*	ONE written essay	Maximum of 32 points	

Pre-Interview Rubric Total (out of 122 points):

Post-Interview Rubric:

Post-interview rubric			
Category	Requirement	Points Breakdown	Student Scores
Interview*	Interview with LC PTA program panel	Maximum of 100 points	
Writing Sample*	Students will be given 30 minutes to complete a writing sample on a healthcare related topic	Maximum of 32 points	

Post-Interview Rubric Total (out of 132 points):

Candidate Name:

Candidate Grand Total (out of 254 points):

- ☐ All completed and submitted applications will be evaluated within two weeks of submission and eligible candidates that score >= **91.5** out of **122 points** will be invited for an interview within that time.
- ☐ Candidates scoring below **91.5** will not be allowed to move to the interview process and therefore will not be considered for the PTA program
- ☐ After the interview is completed, the applicant will be made aware of the final decision within three weeks of that time via e-mail. The grand total score achieved will place prospective students into one of the following categories:

Acceptance: Overall score: > or = 190.5☐

Waitlist: Overall score: <190.5 to 177.8☐

Denial: Overall score: <177.8 ☐

**Have separate rubrics for objective assessment of candidates’ essays and writing samples posted on LC PTA Program Website.*