

Physical Therapist Assistant 2019 Admissions & Program Information



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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

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The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Lake Washington Institute of Technology is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: capteonline.org. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call (425) 739-8104 or email selective.admission@lwtech.edu.



Physical Therapist Assistant Overview

- Program length: 6 quarters
- Day, full-time (varying schedule by quarter). Look at a current LWTech “schedule of classes”
- Off-site clinicals are 40 hrs/wk
 - Own transportation required
 - First 3 weeks of quarter IV (summer)
 - Last 6 weeks of quarter V (fall)
 - Last 7 weeks of quarter VI (winter)

Program Cost: Tuition rates for **2018-19**

Estimated Total: \$14,182

PTA Program Admission

Application Deadline: April 18th, 2019

- All required prerequisite courses must be complete prior to application.
- Up to 20 total applicants admitted per cohort
- PTA Dept. can create an alternate list for a program
year-this is not a guaranteed practice

Required prerequisite classes for PTA

Must be completed for the 2019 application

Required Course	LWTech Name	Credits
BIOL&241	Anatomy and Physiology I	6
PSYC& 100 or 200	Intro to Psychology or Lifespan Psychology	5
ENGL&101 or ENGL&102 <small>NEW FOR 2015</small>	English Composition I OR Research Writing	5

New in Fall 2018



*Sciences no older than 10 years

PTA Prerequisite Requirements-may be in progress at time of application. Courses must be completed by the end of spring quarter 2019.

Required Course	LWTech Name	Credits
CMST&210, 220 or 230	Interpersonal, Public or Small Group Communication	5
Math& 146	Introduction to Statistics	5

New for Fall 2019 

- **Required a copy of 7 hour HIV/AIDS Training Certificate**
- **Optional completion of BIOL&242 (see information on subsequent slides)**

Prerequisite Grade Considerations

- Cumulative GPA threshold is 3.0 and is taken from the 3 required prerequisite courses
- Minimum grade in each class must be 2.0 also for classes in progress.
- Cumulative GPA for the 3 required courses is initially a non-points bearing application requirement
- GPA could be used to rank candidates later in the review process in the event of otherwise equally qualified applications
- **The 3 required prerequisite courses must be complete prior to applying.**

Other Required Application Elements

(1) References

(2) Observations

(3) Prepared Essay

(4) Optional BIOL&242
completion

Used in Stage I of
Application Review
Process

(5) On-campus Essay

Used in Stage II of
Application Review Process

References-Requirements (Used in Stage I)

- One reference form **must be from a faculty/instructor for a college level course**
- Second reference form can be from another faculty/instructor or an employer, co-worker, advisor or counselor
- References will be submitted online via the online application

Application element is worth up to 20 points

Physical Therapy Observation and/or Work Experience-Requirements (Used in Stage I)

- 40 total hours of observation of licensed PT or PTA in clinical settings **one from Category 1 and one from Category 2** and spend a minimum of hours in any location
- Observation forms are provided in the online application
- Required component to ensure that applicants gain first-hand knowledge of the field
- Applicant is responsible for finding and setting up own observation/work experience

Application element is worth up to 25 points

Prepared Essay-Requirements (Used in Stage I)

Two page essay

- Essay question in online application
- Answer each part fully
 - Careful editing
 - Check grammar, punctuation and spelling

Application element is worth up to 25 points

Completion of the BIOL&241 and 242 series (used in stage I)

- *Optional* completion of BIOL&242
- Course must be completed or in progress at the time of application
- The course must be completed by the end of Spring quarter 2019

Application element is worth 5 points

On-Campus Mandatory Essay- Requirement of top 40 candidates (Used in Stage II)

- Top 40 qualified applicants invited to write mandatory essay
- Essay is hand-written and proctored
- Essay questions provided at time of event
- Pen and paper provided
- On campus essay will be on May 14th at 8 am

Application element is worth up to 25 points

PTA Admission Scoring

The following items are scored:

- Two applicant reference forms (up to 20 pts)
- Required two-page essay (up to 25 pts)
- Two work observation/experience forms (up to 25 pts)
- On-Campus Essay (up to 25 pts)
- *Optional* completion of BIOL&242 (5 pts)

Total: **100**

Selection Process Summary

Recommendations	Up to 20 pts
Prepared essay submitted with application	Up to 25 pts
Two Observations/work experience forms	Up to 25 pts
Optional Completion of BIOL&242	5 pts



Applicants are ranked using the points from the above categories. Top 40 advance.



On-campus Essay: Top 40 Qualified applicants invited to hand-write a mandatory essay on topic provided that day	Up to 25 pts
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Applicants are ranked using the points from on-campus essay plus points from the initial categories. Top 20 candidates offered admission to cohort

New Fall 2018

Request for grade exception:

LWTech recognizes and values that students come to us with many experiences and sometimes these experiences may meet the threshold for the GPA exception.

If you believe that you have an exceptional circumstance that led to your GPA being below the required cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the prerequisite courses of ENGL&101 or 102; BIOL&241; PSYC& 100 or 200, **please submit a one page typed document answering the following questions:**

- Describe the experience or circumstance
- Describe the impact this experience had on your GPA
- Describe how you will be successful in the PTA program if you are selected.
- This document must be submitted with your application.

NOTE: This section only needs to be completed by those applicants who do not meet the 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Locating the Application

- NEW Online application located at **LWTech.edu/PTA**
- Note that application instructions are contained in the companion “PTA-Supporting Information for the Application Process” document
- Read the “Supporting Information” online—it does not have to be printed off and included with your application submission

How Am I Going to Pay?

- Apply for Financial aid in advance
LWTech.edu/FinancialAid
- Application is free
- If you wait until you are accepted funding could be delayed-processing takes 6-8 weeks after you submit your FAFSA or WASFA
- Look at other resources:
 - Workforce Development programs at LWTech
LWTech.edu/WFD
 - LWTech Foundation scholarships, other scholarships
LWTech.edu/Scholarships

**NOW THAT YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PTA
INFORMATION SESSION THERE ARE
ADVISING OPTIONS**

Two Options for Advising

OPTION 1:

For quick advising needs (10 to 15 minutes) drop-in General Advising in West Building, W207. [LWTech.edu/Advising](https://www.lwtech.edu/advising)

Use this option if:

- You want to immediately discuss your Self-Guided Placement test results
- You want to register for classes for the upcoming quarter (that's one quarter of classes only-not a full class plan)
- You are checking in on progress with a plan that was already created

Drop-in schedule varies by quarter—
visit [LWTech.edu/Advising](https://www.lwtech.edu/advising) for updated hours

Advising Options Cont.

Option 2:

Schedule an appointment with the Student success Navigator for Health Sciences programs, Michael Leary, in Advising by calling (425) 739-8300.

Please note that you must be admitted to LWTech and have a student number in order to use advising services either by drop in or appointment.

To apply for admissions please go to:

LWTech.edu/GetStarted

Questions????

For questions about:

- The admissions process for PTA
- The application

Please email:

selective.admission@lwtech.edu