

Physical Therapist Assistant 2022 Admissions & Program Information



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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 **2021-22**

Estimated Total: \$14,394

PTA Program Admission

Application Deadline: April 29, 2022

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

Required prerequisite courses for PTA

Must be completed for the 2022 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	English Composition I OR Research Writing	5

*Science courses must be no older than 10 years

PTA Prerequisite Requirements

These courses may be in progress at time of application.

Courses must be completed by the end of the quarter of application 2022.

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

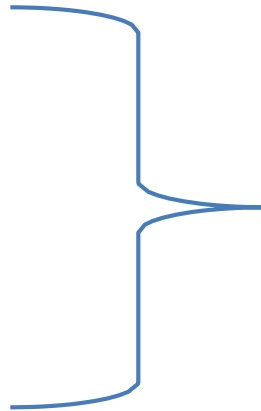
- Required a copy of 7 hour HIV/AIDS Training Certificate
- Optional completion of BIOL&242 (see information on subsequent slides)

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.**

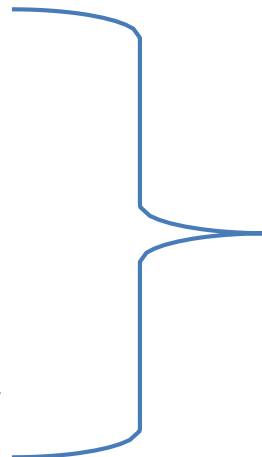
Other Required Application Elements

- (1) Evaluations
- (2) Prepared Essay
- (3) Observations / Reflection



Used in Stage I of
Application Review
Process

- (4) Optional
BIOL&242
completion
- (5) On-campus Essay



Used in Stage II of
Application Review Process

Evaluation-Requirements (Used in Stage I)

- Three total evaluations are required:
 - One evaluation must come from a college or university faculty member that has actually taught you in the classroom.
 - One evaluation can be from another faculty member, co-worker, advisor, or counselor.
 - One evaluation must come from the Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant from the facility where the observation hours were completed (see next slide for observation hour requirements)
- Evaluations are submitted through PTACAS
 - Application element is worth up to 30 points*

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

- 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
- Required: 15 total hours of observation of licensed PT or PTA in an Outpatient clinical setting
 - NEW for 2021-22: Applicants must log their observation hours in the online PTACAS application AND hours must be verified – options for verification are provided in PTACAS
- In place of observation hours in inpatient and/or pediatric settings, links to videos are provided in application materials
 - Applicants watch these videos and write a reflection
 - Prompt question is provided in online application
 - Videos are representative of both inpatient and pediatric physical therapy practice

Prepared Essay and Reflection- Requirements (Used in Stage I)

- Prepared Essay – prompt is included in online application
- Reflection (reflecting on video “observation” links for inpatient/pediatric physical therapy settings); reflection question is included in online application
- Answer each part fully
 - Careful editing
 - Check grammar, punctuation and spelling

*Application elements are worth up to 40 points
(25 points prepared essay and 15 points
reflection)*

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

- Top 40 qualified applicants are invited to write mandatory on-campus* essay
- Essay is hand-written* and proctored
 - *Pending public health protocols in May 2022, essay may be held online and proctored via an online tool such as Zoom.
 - *Pen and paper provided if held in person; if held online, essays will be typed
- Essay questions provided at time of event
- Mandatory on-campus/online essay will be on May 23rd, 2022

Application element is worth up to 25 points

Completion of the BIOL&241 and 242 series

(used in stage II)

- *Optional* completion of BIOL&242
- Course must be completed *or* in progress at the time of application
- If in progress at the time of application, the BIOL&242 course must be completed by the end of the quarter of application (Spring 2022)

Application element is worth 5 points

PTA Admission Scoring

The following items are scored:

- Three evaluation forms (up to 30 pts)
- Required two-page essay (up to 25 pts)
- Reflection on inpatient/pediatric videos (up to 15 pts)
- Mandatory 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
Prepared reflection submitted with application	Up to 15 pts
Evaluation forms	Up to 30 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
Optional Completion of BIOL&242	5 pts



Applicants are ranked using the points from on-campus essay plus points from the initial categories. Up to top 20 candidates offered admission to cohort

Request for grade exception

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 online application.

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

Finding the Application

- Access the PTA Program Application through the PTACAS website through the APTA (American Physical Therapy Association).
 - For more information visit [PTACAS getting started website](#)
 - And/or link on the [LWTech PTA website](#)
- Note that application instructions are contained in the companion “PTA Supporting Information for the Application Process” document
 - Read the “PTA Supporting Information” online—it does not have to be printed off and is not included with your application submission (unless you choose to print off and use the observation hours form at the end of the packet)

What are resources for help paying for the program?

- Apply for Financial aid in advance
LWTech.edu/FinancialAid
- Application is free
- Apply early! 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

Use this option if:

- You want to immediately discuss your Guided Self Placement test results or alternative placement (transcripts or other test scores)
- 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 for updated hours

Advising Options Cont.

Option 2:

Schedule an appointment with a Student Success Navigator by emailing advising@lwtech.edu from your student email address or 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