

CERRITOS COLLEGE
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS DIVISION
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Application Rating Sheet Information

This information further describes the method of evaluation that the PTA Admissions Committee utilizes when reviewing applications for prospective students. It is best to look at this document side by side with the “PTA Program Application Rating Sheet – Sample” document.

Category 1 – Prerequisite Clearances: All listed courses must be completed before applying or be in progress during the Spring semester that the application is due to be considered a qualified applicant. All courses must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher. “C-“grades are not acceptable. Note: A 5-unit combined anatomy and physiology course with a lab can be substituted to meet the A&P 150 and A&P 151 requirements; however, separate 4-unit anatomy and physiology courses with lab for a combined 8-units is preferred.

Category 2 – Verified Work Experience: For volunteer experience, a letter verifying your total hours, facility where volunteer hours were completed, and confirmation that volunteer work was completed in physical therapy is required. This letter can come from a volunteer coordinator or the PT department leadership. Documentation from the site must show at least 3 months or 60 hours of volunteer service to qualify for points. For all work experience, your employment must be verified by a letter from your employer stating that you were a paid employee, giving your job title, and listing your dates of employment. To qualify as a PT Aide and earn points, you must show at least 6 months of employment, and your supervisor must have been a Physical Therapist who is qualified for a license to practice in California. Points are assigned by length of experience for PT Aide work; please see the sample form for details. Related medical experiences are jobs such as O.T. Aide, Athletic Trainer, Certified Nursing Assistant, EMT, Recreation Therapist, or other similar health care related jobs. Note: Volunteer or work experience is NOT a requirement to apply to the PTA Program but is highly recommended.

Category 3 - Related Medical/Science Courses Taken: Examples of courses that qualify for points in this section are listed on the selection rating form. The examples are NOT an exhaustive list and are not required to apply to the PTA Program. These courses serve to strengthen your application. All potential courses must have been completed at an accredited college with a grade of “C” or higher. We do not accept “C-“grades. Each 3-unit semester course is worth points which vary with the grade earned. Points are adjusted if a class is more or less than 3 units; or if taken via a quarter system. Refer to the sample Selection Rating Form for details.

Category 4 – General Education Requirements These courses are not required to apply to the PTA Program but must be completed to meet the general education graduation requirement at Cerritos College to earn a PTA Associate of Science degree. These courses can be completed before applying to the PTA program with a grade of “C” or higher to earn 1 point per course to strengthen your application. Alternatively, these general education course requirements can be taken concurrently with other PTA program specific courses once admitted to the PTA Program.