

Whatcom Community College PTA Program Admission Selection Criteria

WCC's PTA Program Selection Committee will review applicants for acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant program based on the number of available seats and the following numerical ranking system:

1. Submission of a complete PTA program application to the Registration/Records Office by the deadline (Including payment of application fee, background check fee, evidence that all required prerequisites have been completed, recommendations):

3 points

2. Personal Statement (see instructions in application):
(For Online Applicants: Complete the Smartermeasures Survey online. Incorporate your results from the survey into your personal statement.)

5 points

3. Prior Education: Associate's Degree/ Bachelor's Degree

.5 point

4. Experience Verification:

Minimum of 25 hours **1 point** (Beneficial to accrue hours in various settings)

3 or more clinical sites **2 points** (No points awarded for less than 3 clinical sites)

5. If you have applied to the PTA program two times or more and:

- were evaluated as "fully qualified" both times
- your Personal Statements received a rating of > 4
- you were not accepted due to a low point score

.5 point

6. Cumulative GPA of required general education courses and prerequisite courses:

GPA:	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A
Points:	2	4	6	8	10	12

Applicants will be ranked numerically on the above criteria and acceptance letters will be sent to the top scoring candidates until the spaces are filled. In the case of a tie between applicants, the first tie breaker will be the highest combined GPA score of the two prerequisite courses (MA 101, BIOL& 241). The second tie breaker, if needed, will be the combined GPA score of all general education and prerequisite courses.

The Selection Committee consists of the PTA Program Coordinator, program faculty and representatives from the Admissions Office. Applicants will be notified of accepted, alternate or not accepted status by the PTA Program Coordinator approximately 6 – 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a selective entry program. Applicants who were previously accepted into the PTA Program and declined acceptance or withdrew after the program has started need to reapply and are not guaranteed priority consideration.

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