

PTA Program Application: PREFERENCE POINTS

Once the basic application requirements are met, applicants may improve their opportunity for selection by earning preference points. A maximum of 22 total preference points may be awarded from three categories:

I. ACHIEVEMENT – 14 POINTS POSSIBLE

College Degree (maximum of 3 points) Points Awarded for Highest Degree Earned *ONLY*
*Degrees must be conferred **by the application deadline.***

POINTS

Master’s Degree and above.....	3
Bachelor’s Degree	2
Associate Degree---AA, AS, AAS Degree	1

GPA (maximum of 3 points)

College Retention GPA

College Retention GPA must include a minimum of 12 college credit hours in 1000-level or above science, math, social science, or English courses, excluding credit awarded by advanced standing. If the applicant has not completed 12 college credit hours as designated, a high school graduation GPA may be used.

GPA

3.7500-4.0000	3
3.5000-3.7499	2
3.0000-3.4999	1

OR

High School Graduating GPA

If the applicant has attempted or completed 12 college credit hours, a high school graduation GPA cannot be used.

GPA

3.75-4.00	2
3.50-3.74	1

OR

GED Score

GED score will only be used in a case where no high school graduation or college retention GPA exists.

GED Score

670+	3
610-669	2
550-609	1

Science Courses (maximum of 4 points and 2 courses)

A minimum grade of B will earn one point each and a minimum grade of A will earn two points each

- o High school lab science (1 Unit) or college-level science courses (3 credit hours or more)

NOTE: High school lab science courses will **NOT** be applicable if at least one college-level science course has been attempted or completed.

College-Level Medical Terminology (maximum of 2 points for 1 course)

A minimum grade of B will earn one point and a minimum grade of A will earn two points, excluding credit awarded by advanced standing.

Math Courses (maximum of 2 points for 1 course)

A minimum grade of B will earn one point and a minimum grade of A will earn two points, excluding credit awarded by advanced standing. Course which may earn points are:

- MATH 1503, Contemporary Math
- MATH 1483, Functions and Modeling, (formerly MATH 1513, College Algebra)
- MATH 2023, Foundations of Geometry and Measurements
- Any college level statistics course
- Any mathematics course which has been evaluated at a higher level than the previous math courses

NOTE: Preference points will **NOT** be awarded for APPM 1313, Mathematics for Health Careers.

II. POTENTIAL – 4 POINTS POSSIBLE

(NOTE: Next-Generation ACCUPLACER scores must be no older than two years prior to the date this application is due. ACT scores must be no older than five years prior to the date this application is due.)

Accuplacer reading scores may be listed on your score sheet as "Reading Comprehension" and Accuplacer writing scores may be listed as "Sentence Skills."

Reading (Maximum 2 points)

(Note: While ACT scores may be used to earn preference points, **ALL** applicants must take the ACCUPLACER reading test to meet the basic application reading requirement.)

TEST	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Reading	260	2
OR ACT Reading.....	23.....	2

Writing/English (Maximum 2 points)

TEST	MINIMUM SCORE	POINTS
Next-Generation ACCUPLACER Writing	260	2
OR ACT Writing	22.....	2

III. PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE/OBSERVATION OR WORK EXPERIENCE – 4 POINTS POSSIBLE**

Work Experience (maximum of 4 points)	POINTS
>1000 Clock Hours of Work Experience in PT Field**	4
500 – 1000 Clock Hours of Work Experience in PT Field**	3
OR	
Observation (maximum of 2 points)	POINTS
Observed PT >40 Clock Hours**	2
Observed PT 15-40 Clock Hours**	1

***All observation and work hours must be documented and accompanied by a positive reference from a Supervising Physical Therapist.*

OVERALL TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE: 22

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