

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant **MUST** meet the following **GPA criteria** to be eligible for admission to the Associate in Applied Science (Physical Therapist Assistant) program:

1. **Grade point average 2.50 or higher**

- A. A retention grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 (C) or above on academic work completed is required.
- B. All completed courses for the PTA program must have a minimum grade of "C".
- C. Points will be given for GPA (college courses or high school) using the following guidelines:

12 hours' college credit or more attempted - use retention college GPA (*high school transcript not required – submit college transcripts*)

11 hours' college credit or fewer - use high school GPA (*submit high school transcript*)

<u>Retention GPA</u>	<u>College GPA</u>	<u>H.S. GPA</u>
	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points</u>
2.50 - 2.74	5	4
2.75 - 2.99	10	8
3.00 - 3.24	15	12
3.25 - 3.49	20	16
3.50 - 3.74	25	20
3.75 - 4.00	30	24

Note: Grades earned in zero level courses are not included in calculating the retention GPA nor are they included in the 12 hours of college credit.

2. **Earned College Hours Completed**

Applicant will earn points for all courses listed as Earned College Hours. The following performance based scale is applied to all courses used for the application process. A = 4 / B = 3 / C = 2. Courses are only scored if complete and graded on official transcript prior to February 1st Application Deadline. Please communicate with PTA Faculty concerning course equivalency and transfer from other colleges

**ENGL 1113
Comp I**

**Zoo 2124
Anatomy**

**HIST 1483
or 1493 History**

**ENGL 1213
Comp II**

**Zoo 2114
Physiology**

**_POS 1113
Am Fed Government**

**PSY 1113
Intro to Psychology**

Note: These are **NOT PRE-REQUISITE** courses, rather they are courses that if above is met, assist in admission probability.

3. **Prior Degrees Earned**

- A. Points will be given for prior degrees as follows:
- Associate's 5 points
 - Bachelor's10 points
 - Master's **or** higher 15 points

5. **Bonus Points: (Optional)**

- a. **Clinical Observation:** Five (5) preference points will be awarded to applicants who successfully complete a total of at **least 16 hours** of clinical observation with a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant or Physical Therapist.

All documented hours must be submitted on the form provided by the CASC Department of Physical Therapist Assistant Education in the application packet. Copies of this form may be duplicated as needed. CO Hours are permitted a two year application life, but must be provided in each application attempt by the student.

b. **ACT Composite Score 19 or higher**

Five (5) preference points will be awarded to applicants who successfully complete the ACT with the following:

- **Original ACT** (taken prior to September 1989)
- **Enhanced ACT** (taken after September 1989)

Points will be given for ACT Composite Scores above 19 Enhanced or above 17 Original as follows:

<u>Enhanced ACT</u>	<u>Original ACT</u>	<u>Points</u>
20-22	17-21	5
23-25	22-24	10
26 or above	25 or above	15

6. **Supplemental College Courses: (Optional)**

These courses are also awarded points using the scale from Earned Courses if completed prior to application:

- MATH 1513 – College Algebra
- AHS 1113 – Medical Terminology
- ZOO 1114 – General Zoology
- CHEM 1115 – General Chemistry I **OR** CHEM 1025 General Organic and Biological Chemistry
- PHTA 1203 – Applied Anatomy (Instructor permission required)
- PHTA 2363 – Kinesiology (Instructor permission required)

All “Supplemental College Courses” (section 6) must have been completed with a grade of “C” or better must be made in the PHTA courses.

PHTA 1203 Applied Anatomy and PHTA 2363 Kinesiology are only available for those students that have been admitted to the PTA program and/ or those students completing the Pre-Sports Medicine option of the A.S. Allied Health degree at CASC.

7. Program Admission

Applicants are scored on a number of objective criteria. The criteria include:

- Retention GPA 2.5 (≥ 12 college hours/college GPA) (< 11 college hours/HS GPA) **REQUIRED**
- Completed general education courses that are required for the AAS PTA degree. (bonus not required)
- Supplemental courses completed. (bonus not required)
- Completion of a prior degree from an accredited college or university. (bonus not required)
- Completion of observation hours. (bonus not required)
- ACT Composite Score 19 or higher (bonus not required)
- ***Meeting the minimum requirements for admission does not guarantee acceptance.***

TOTAL POINT SCORE (see Admissions Worksheet page 11 of Information packet)

The total point score is made on each completed application. The program then ranks the applications and admits the top 17 applicants.

LATE APPLICANTS

Applicants who submit an application after February 1st, **may** be considered **IF** the admission quota is not met. Late applicants will be considered prior to classes starting in the fall semester on a **space available basis.**

ALTERNATES

The program will score and rank all completed applications. The top 17 applicants will be offered admission in the program as a class. Most classes will require alternates to complete the class as not all applicants will accept the position offered. It is highly recommended that if an applicant is offered an **ALTERNATE** position, that they accept it as it may become an admitted position prior to the beginning of the first semester.

ADMISSION OF PERSONS WITH AN ARREST AND/OR CRIMINAL CONVICTION

No individual may be admitted to the Associate in Applied Science (Physical Therapist Assistant) program who has not or will not complete any parole and/or probationary requirements prior to the applications deadline.

Individuals who have been arrested and/or convicted of a felony offense, a drug or alcohol related offense, or certain offenses involving moral turpitude (i.e., larceny) prior to admission to the PTA program are considered on an individual basis by the Admissions Committee. In these deliberations, the Committee considers the following factors:

1. The nature of the crime(s);

2. Evidence of rehabilitation;
3. Personal characteristics;
4. Behavior/action since the offense was committed;
5. The total criminal records; and
6. The disciplinary action of the court.

Individuals with an arrest and/or criminal conviction are advised that the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision will consider their application for licensure by examination on an individual basis. This may require a personal appearance before the Board in the final semester of the program. It is a prerogative of the Board to grant or deny the application, therefore, the student is advised to consult the Oklahoma Medical Board if a history of arrest and/ or criminal conviction has occurred.