

# Physical Therapy Assistant Associate of Applied Science

Application Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

1. **Apply to the College:** Apply to PPSC and discuss with Health Sciences Advising if about the major to declare.
2. **Make an appointment with Health Sciences Advising:** Through Navigate or click here: [Health Sciences Advising | Pikes Peak State College](#)
3. **Complete Placement Tests:** Complete PPSC placement tests as needed - consult with Admissions or Advising.

OR a completed degree with GPA of at least 2.5 or better.

OR completed equivalent or higher to ENG 1031 or ENG 1021 and MAT 1140.

4. **Submit Official Transcripts:** Send official college/university and high school transcripts, SAT & ACT scores as well as any CLEP, IB or AP scores to the Registration and Records Office.
  - Minimum unweighted 2.5 GPA from high school transcripts **OR** cumulative of college work (at least 12 credits)
5. **Information Session:** Watch the [information presentation](#) at the PPSC PTA main website. If you have further questions, sign up for the Question-and-Answer session.
6. **Apply for Financial Aid (If applicable):** Apply for Financial Assistance – Submit the FAFSA and apply for scholarships or VA benefits through Military and Veterans.
7. **Attend Q and A session hosted by PPSC PTA Program.** Link to Q and A session are on the Physical Therapist Assistant main page. [Q and A Session Signup Link.](#)
8. **Recommendations:** Prospective students need two recommendations, one from an employer and one from teacher/faculty/mentor. Prospective students need to have known the recommenders for at least 1 year. Exceptions must be discussed and approved by the program director.
9. **Complete Observation Hours (optional for extra points):** **Complete** hours for observation time with a PT or PTA in at **least two different** types of facilities (no minimum hours). Write an essay about the hours completed and submit a signed form for hours completed. The essay must include Type of settings observed, top 5 things learned about Physical Therapy Practice, 1-3 things you did not like about the observation and why, and 2-3 skills needed for physical therapy practice based on observations.
10. **Complete Service Hours:** Complete 20 hours of volunteer service hours in the prior two years. Service hours can be obtained through religious or community organizations. If

you are having difficulty locating volunteer opportunities, please contact the PTA director through email. Hours may not include your observation hours with a PT/PTA. Submit signed Service/Volunteer Hour Form with your application.

- Additional points will be award for volunteer hours over 30 hours.

**11. Work Experience:** No work experience is required for applications, but related work experience as Physical Therapy tech or aide, Athletic Trainer, Exercise Physiologist, Massage therapist, or CNA qualifies the applicant for additional points on their application. The hours must be completed in the past year 5 years and the work experience must be documented on the Employment Verification Form.

**12. Course Work:** Prerequisite for entry into the program include:

- MAT 1140 Math for Healthcare equivalent or higher
- HPR 1039 Medical Terminology 2 credit hours
- COM 1250 Communications in Healthcare
- BIO 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I equivalent or higher

These courses are not required but must be completed by the beginning of the program (1<sup>st</sup> Fall).

Additionally, required general education to earn the degree (completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> fall of the program or sooner)

- ENG 1031 or ENG 1021
- PSY 1001

Courses must be passed with a C or better

**13. Previous Degree:** If you have earned a degree previously with at least a GPA of 2.5 or better then point will be awarded according to the table below.

**14. Technical Standards:** Initial and complete technical standard sheet. If you are unable to perform any of these standards with or without accommodations, you will not be eligible for admission to the program. The Physical Therapist Assistant Program works closely with PPSC Accessibility Services to serve the needs of students with disabilities. Individuals who have questions regarding reasonable accommodations should contact PPSC **Accessibility Services**.

**15. Complete the TEAS:** Applicants will be required to take the Allied Health TEAS VII test. Must be completed by June 1st 2026. No restrictions on the number of time you take the test.

**Minimum qualifying TEAS Score**

- Overall score in the proficient range or above (minimum 55% overall)
- Students can take the Allied Health TEAS at PPCC's Testing Center and register through testing center website.
- Submit Application and Qualifying Allied Health TEAS Score to the PTA Program (scores must be within the last 2 years)

**16. Interview:** Interviews will be conducted for the top 30 (20 accepted and 10 waitlist) candidates after application are submitted. Interviews will be used to gather information

to predict retention and success as well as help each student with success in the program.

#### 17. Accepted Candidates:

Prior to enrollment, accepted candidates must have completed:

- Complete CPR (AHA BLS or Red Cross BLS)
- Background check and drug test

Prior to Spring I, students must have completed:

- a. Physical examination
- b. Required vaccinations

For those students who have submitted all documentation and met the above criteria, a point system is used to select candidates for admission to the technical portion of PPSC's PTA program. Points are assigned for grades in the general education courses completed by time of the application, work experience, service/volunteer hours, and previous degrees. The students with the highest point total will be admitted to the program. If an accepted student declines his/her seat in the program or fails to meet summer course requirements, the next eligible student with the highest score will be admitted to the program up to a maximum of 20 students with 10 individuals on the waitlist.

Completion of additional program courses (see below) by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, application deadline is highly recommended as this adds points to a student's application and makes the student more competitive for admission.

### Criteria and Scoring for Admission to the PTA Program

COURSES		Max Points Possible	Points Earned
<b>Required elements for consideration</b>		All items must be complete	All items must be complete
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Submitted</b>		
Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater			
Recommendations			
Placement Test or Alternative			
20 service-learning hours			
Points for courses are awarded based on grade earned. A = 6 points      B= 4 points      C= 2 points			
<b>Medical Terminology (HPR 1039) (prerequisite, required)</b>		6	
<b>General Biology with a Lab I (BIO 1111) (optional)</b>		6	
<b>Career Math or higher (MATH 1140 or higher) (prerequisite, required)</b>		6	
<b>English Composition ENGL 1021 or Technical Writing ENGL 1031 (prerequisite)</b>		6	
<b>General Psychology (PSYC 1001) (required general ed)</b>		6	
<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology I (BIO 2101) (prerequisite, required)</b>			

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<b>Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology II (BIO 2102) (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication (COM 1150 or COM 1250) (optional)</b>	6	
<b>COM 1260 Communication for Healthcare (double the points of other COM and preferable course COM 1150 or COM 1250 and will count as credit toward the general ed requirement) (prerequisite required)</b>	12	
<b>Conceptual Physics with a lab or higher (PHY 1105) (optional)</b>	6	
<b>General Psychology PSY 1001 (General Education, required)</b>	6	
<b>Sociology or additional Psychology Course (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Business Administration Course (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Additional Science Course: Chemistry, Physics, Biology (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Health, Nutrition, or Wellness course (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Earned Degree (GPA 2.5 or better) (optional)</b>	6	
<b>Service Hours (20 hours required any additional is optional)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 30 hours = 1 points</li> <li>▪ 40 hours = 2 points</li> <li>▪ 50 hours = 3 points</li> <li>▪ 60 hours = 4 points</li> <li>▪ 70 hours = 5 points</li> <li>▪ 80 hours = 6 points</li> </ul>	6	
<b>Observation Essay (optional)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Answer at least 1 requirement appropriately, moderate punctuation and grammar issue – 1 point</li> <li>• Answer at least 2 requirements with moderate punctuation and grammar issues- 2 points</li> <li>• Answer at 3 requirements with minor punctuation and grammar issues- 3 points</li> <li>• Answer at 3 requirements with minor punctuation and grammar issues- 4 points</li> <li>• Answer at least 4 requirements with minor punctuation or grammar issues-5 points</li> <li>• Answer at least 4 requirements with minimal punctuation or grammar issues- 6 points</li> </ul>	6	
<b>Work Experience – (optional)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 200 hours = 2 points</li> <li>▪ 250 hours = 3 points</li> <li>▪ 300 hours = 4 points</li> <li>▪ 350 hours = 5 points</li> <li>▪ 400 hours or greater = 6 points</li> </ul>	6	

<b>Recommendation (The average of the two recommendations) (required)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Below 30= 0 points</li><li>30-32 =1 point</li><li>33-35 =2 points</li><li>36-38= 3 points</li><li>39-41 = 4 points</li><li>42-43= 5 points</li><li>44=6 points</li></ul>	6																									
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