# Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant Worksheet for Fall 2025 Admission

NAME:

Student ID#

The application deadline is <u>January 14, 2025</u> for the next entering fall class. Meeting these minimum admission requirements **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** admission to the PTA program.

## **I.** Admission Requirements:

- A. Apply to Morton College by visiting the <u>www.morton.edu</u> website
- **B.** All applicants **MUST** attend a PTA information session during the current application cycle & meet with a Healthcare Student Success Coach. Prior year attendance **DOES NOT** fulfill requirement
- **C.** Complete PTA Application, submit proof of residency status, submit checklist at the mandatory information session. **Note**: Applicants wanting in-district consideration (whether living in-district or working in-district) must submit proof no later than <u>May 22,2025</u>.
- **D.** Successful completion of at least MAT 093 (or equivalent) within 5 years (Fall 2020 or after) or Accuplacer placement into MAT 097 (only test dated 9/1/2023 and after will be considered valid). Two placement exam attempts are allowed.
- E. Turn in official high school or high school equivalency (GED / HiSET / TASC) transcripts. Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by a foreign credential agency accredited by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) and must state "has the equivalency of a U.S. High School diploma". All high school or equivalency transcripts must be submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records and are due no later than <u>May 22, 2025.</u>
- F. Turn in official college transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records no later than <u>May 22, 2025</u>. Note: Proof of minimum course completion or in-progress status for program pre-requisites must be submitted no later than <u>February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025</u> to be considered for an interview for the PTA program.
- G. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 to be considered
- **H.** Participation in an interview for inclusion and exclusion purposes with the PTA Program Admission Committee. Interview letters will be emailed to **eligible** applicants **after March 1, 2025**.
- Successful completion of the following college courses, by the end of the Spring 2025 semester, with a minimum grade of "C" in each and completed within 5 years prior to beginning the program (Fall 2020 and after):
  - Rhetoric I ENG 101 (or equivalent 3 credit course) NOTE: Applicants who have completed ENG 101 more than five years prior to beginning the program may have this requirement waived by placing into ENG 101 on the Morton College English placement exam (only test scores dated 9/1/2023 and after will be valid) or if they have taken ENG 102 Fall 2020 and after.
  - 2. Medical Terminology for Clinicians PHT 101 (or equivalent 2 credit course)

NOTE: Any Medical Terminology course taken that is over 2 credit hours will be counted as a 2-credit course for point calculation. Applicants who have completed Medical Terminology more than five years prior to beginning the program or with credit hours that do not transfer to Morton College may have this requirement waived by passing the PHT 101 proficiency exam with a "C" or better (only proficiency test scores dated 9/1/2023 and after will be valid).

- 3. Anatomy and Physiology (Therapies) BIO 152 (or equivalent 5 credit course).
- 4. Fundamentals of Physics PHY 100 (or equivalent 3 credit course).

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## **II.** General Education Program Requirements:

The following courses are additional general education requirements for the PTA program. *It is highly recommended that these courses be completed prior to admission.* 

Course:	Term/Grade:	Sem. Hours:	Description:
PSY 101		3	Intro. to Psychology
ENG 102 <u>or</u> SPE 101		3	Communications
PSY 210 <u>or</u> PSY 215 (preferred)		3	Child Growth and Development <u>or</u> Life Span of Human Development

Humanities (No admission points awarded)	3	Any course in Art, HIS 103 or 104, Humanities, Literature, Modern Language, Music, Philosophy, or Theater Arts. ** Highly recommended to complete prior to admission
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# **NOTE:** A **criminal background check (requiring a Social Security number)** and a **physical examination** are required for 2nd year clinical

The number of applicants admitted to the PTA program is limited by different factors, including the availability of clinical sites. To be **considered** for admission, applicants must complete the minimum prerequisites listed and submit all required accompanying documentation by the deadlines. Selection for admission is competitive and is determined initially by a point ranking system. Ultimate selection is determined by the PTA Admissions Committee. Applying and meeting minimum admission requirements <u>does not guarantee</u> admission into the program.

To be considered for admission, a minimum 2.00 Cumulative or Overall Grade Point Average (based on a 4.00 scale) on all completed college coursework (or high school coursework, if no college credits available), is required. **All prerequisites general education courses must be completed with a "C" or better.** 

Prerequisite courses ENG 101, PHT 101, BIO 152 and PHY 100 must be completed by the end of the **Spring 2025 semester**. It is **highly recommended** that all general education courses listed be completed prior to admission.

## **Total Point Calculation**

## Scale A (Course Points):

<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Multiplier</u>	<u>Points</u>
*PHT 101		4	
*BIO 152 or equivalent		10	
*PHY 100 or equivalent		6	
*ENG 101		3	
PSY 101		3	
PSY 215 or 210		3	
ENG 102 or SPE 101		3	
HUM		N/A	No Points Awarded

Scale A - Total Course Points (128 Maximum Course Points)

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## Scale B (Interview Points):

All applicants are asked the same interview questions. Points allotted for questions are related to Motivation, Understanding of the Professional PTA role, Adaptability, Problem Solving, Teamwork, Conflict Resolution, Empathy, Communication Skills, Academic Maturity, and Professionalism.

## Scale B - Total Interview Points (60 Maximum Interview Points)

## Scale C (Bonus Points for Gen. Ed. Course Completion):

Applicants can earn bonus points for progress toward fulfilling program general education requirements.

•	+10.0 points for completion of all general education courses	
•	+5.0 points for completion of all general education courses except for 1 course	
•	+0.0 points if more than 1 of the general education courses is needed	
	Scale C - Total Bonus Points (10 Maximum Bonus Points)	

Total Points – Scale A + Scale B + Scale C (198 maximum points available)

PTA program admission is based on a point ranking system with the highest ranked applicants admitted to the program. Points are awarded as follows: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2. For each of the above completed courses, multiply the grade points earned by the multiplier listed for each course. For example, an A in ENG 101 earns 12 points (4 x 3). The final ranking is the number of points earned through the spring 2025 semester from all of the completed courses listed, interview, and possible bonus points available. THERE ARE NO ADMISSION POINTS AWARDED FOR HUMANITIES COURSES.

#### Admission Tiers:

Tier 1 – Total Points 178 to 198	Applicants in this tier will be considered first if also meeting minimum admission requirements.
Tier 2 – Total Points 155 to 177	Applicants in this tier will be considered second if also meeting minimum admission requirements.
Tier 3 – Total Points 154 or below	Applicants in this tier will be considered third if also meeting minimum admission requirements. An Academic Agreement may be initiated for applicants admitted within this tier in order to support successful completion of the PTA program.

#### \*NOTE: In-District students are given priority within Tier 1 and Tier 2

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