# Competitive Points for PTA Application

| Application Item | Description | Points |
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| Competitive Point Classes  (stage 1) | * Points earned by completing the general education courses within the degree. * Points are calculated based on the grade earned. * Grade of “A” = 4 quality points per credit hour * Grade of “B” = 3 quality points per credit hour * Grade of “C” = 2 quality points per credit hour * General education courses which earn points: BIO 168**\*,** BIO 169**\***, PHY 125**\***, ENG 111, PSY 150, PSY 241, COM 231/COM 120, CIS 113 * **\*** A minimum grade of B is required | 100 points  (50% of total points) |
| Science Course Grades  (stage 2) | * Science courses in PTA degree. Points based on **First Attempt**:   + BIO 168, BIO 169, PHY 125 * 3 classes complete with A’s earned in each class = 25 points * 2 classes complete with A’s earned in each class = 15 points * 1 class complete with an A earned = 10 points | 25 points  (12.5% of total points) |
| Observation Hours in Physical Therapy  (stage 2) | * Locations can be outpatient clinic, hospital, skilled nursing facility, school system * Hours documented on clinic/hospital letterhead and signed by PT or PTA observed. * Hours working (paid) as a physical therapy tech/aide do not count toward observation hours * 20 hours completed = 15 points * 10-19 hours completed 10 points | 10 points  (5% of total points) |
| Volunteerism/Service: acts of service in the community not necessarily program or therapy-based  (stage 2) | * 50 volunteer/service hours = 15 points * 25-49 volunteer/service hours= 10 points * Volunteer hours must be current for one year * Documentation must contain the signature and credentials of the person verifying hours * Hours working (paid) as a physical therapy tech/aide do not count toward volunteer hours | 10 points  (5% of total points) |
| Prior degree/certification  (stage 2) | * Bachelor Degree = 5 points * Associate Degree = 3 points * Certification= 1 point   + Certification must be in healthcare   + Examples: CNA, Massage, EMT | 5 points  (2.5% of total points) |
| Critical Thinking Activities  (stage 2) | * Current PT article – conversation regarding current practice or research. Article given out during Information Session. * Brief interview and conversation regarding problem-solving and communication skills. | 50 points  (25% of total points) |

* Stage 1: Apply to PTA program at <https://www.faytechcc.edu/academics/healthcare-programs/healthcare-program-enrollment/> (additional application beyond applying to FTCC) between November 1st and January 30th. Competitive points are calculated for courses completed by January 30th.
* Stage 2: All Category 1 applicants are invited to an information session where additional competitive points (observation hours, volunteer hours, prior degree/certification, science grades, essay questionnaire) are collected and calculated. Volunteer/service and observation hours must be documented and signed by those organizing/supervising the activity. Science grades will be submitted via the HARF (Health Applicant Rating Form).