

Pre-Physical Therapist Assistant Worksheet for Fall 2026 Admission

NAME: _____

Student ID# _____

The application deadline is **January 13, 2026** 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 www.morton.edu website
- B. All applicants **MUST** attend a PTA information session during the current application cycle and meet with your assigned 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 **May 21, 2026**.
- D. 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 **May 21, 2026**.
- E. Turn in official college transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records no later than **May 21, 2026**.
Note: Proof of minimum course completion or in-progress status for program pre-requisites must be submitted no later than **January 30, 2026**, to be considered for an interview for the PTA program.
- F. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for consideration.
- G. Participation in an interview for inclusion and exclusion purposes with the PTA Program Admission Committee. Interview letters will be emailed to **eligible** applicants **after February 1, 2026**.
- H. Successful completion of the following college courses (or approved equivalents) is required, with a minimum grade of "C" or higher in each course, by the end of the Spring 2026 semester.

NOTE: Medical Terminology for Clinicians (PHT 101) and Anatomy and Physiology (Therapies) (BIO 152) must be completed within 5 years prior to beginning the program (Fall 2021 and after).

☐ **ENG 101 – Rhetoric I** – 3 credits

☐ **PHT 101 – Medical Terminology for Clinicians** – 2 credits

- Any course >2 credits will be counted as 2 for points
- Requirement may also be met by passing the **PHT 101 proficiency exam** ("C" or better, after 9/1/2023)

☐ **BIO 152 – Anatomy & Physiology (Therapies)** – 5 credits

☐ **PHY 100 – Fundamentals of Physics** – 3 credits

II. General Education Program Requirements:

The following courses are additional general education requirements for the PTA program. We strongly recommend completing them before admission to help reduce your course load once in the program.

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 before beginning second-year clinicals.

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 **does not guarantee** admission into the program.

To be considered for admission, you must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale based on all completed college coursework (or high school coursework if no college credits are available). All prerequisite and general education courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

All PTA program prerequisite courses — PHT 101, BIO 152, ENG 101, and PHY 100 — must be completed by the end of the Spring 2026 semester. Only PHT 101 and BIO 152 have a five-year expiration. Completing all other general education courses before admission is strongly recommended to help reduce your course load in the program.

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	_____	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)

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, and Communication Skills. The applicant will also be asked to instruct an individual in a common task.

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. In-district residents receive admission priority over non-district residents.
Tier 2 – Total Points 155 to 177	Applicants in this tier will be considered second if also meeting minimum admission requirements. In-district residents receive admission priority over non-district residents.
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: Students scoring 178 or above will be granted priority consideration for admission to the PTA program, provided program capacity allows. Within both Tier 1 and Tier 2, in-district students will receive admission priority over out-of-district applicants.