Whatcom Community College PTA Program Admission Selection Criteria

WCC's PTA Program Selection Committee will review applicants for acceptance into the Physical Therapist Assistant program based on the number of available seats and the following numerical ranking system:

1. Submission of a complete PTA program application by the deadline (Including payment of application fee, background check fee, evidence that all required prerequisites have been completed, recommendations):
   3 points

2. Personal Statement (see instructions in application):
   Online Applicants: Complete the SBCTC "Is Online Learning for Me?" quiz online. (Incorporate your results from the survey into your personal statement.)
   5 points

3. Prior Education: Associate degree or Bachelor's Degree:
   .5 point

4. Experience Verification (<u>must</u> be signed by a PT or PTA):

   Minimum of 25 hours   **1 point**
   at 2 different settings   **1 point**
   at 3 different settings   **1 point**
   Settings include Outpatient, Inpatient, Home Health, Pediatrics, Aquatics, Skilled Nursing, etc.

5. If you are applying for your third time or more and:
   - were evaluated as "fully qualified" both times
   - your Personal Statements received a rating of >4
   - you were not accepted due to a low score
     .5 point

6. Cumulative GPA of required general education courses and prerequisite courses: This score is based on the average of credits & GPA of the 6 prerequisites
   2 – 12 points

Applicants will be ranked numerically on the above criteria and acceptance letters will be sent to the top scoring candidates until the spaces are filled.   In the case of a tie between applicants, the first tie breaker will be the combined GPA score of all general education and prerequisite courses. The second tie breaker, if needed, will be the highest combined GPA score of the two prerequisite courses (MA 101, BIOL& 241).

Hybrid Program applicants: This cohort is split into two lab groups. One group of 12 students will attend weekend labs at the WCC campus and the other group of 12 will attend Pierce College – Fort Steilacoom campus. We do our best to place students in the closest lab location to where they live or commute from, however this is not guaranteed. If we have an excess of 12 in one location, we will still need to place students equally in both labs. Application ranking and application receipt date will be considered if there is an unequal distribution between lab locations.

The Selection Committee consists of the PTA Program Coordinator and program faculty. Applicants will be notified of accepted, alternate or not accepted status by the PTA Program Coordinator approximately 6 – 8 weeks after the application deadline.

Admission to the college does not guarantee admission to a selective entry program.

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