



Selection Process

Enrollment into Health Science Programs by students with felony or misdemeanor convictions – Students with felony or misdemeanor convictions may not be eligible for licensure or certification and are not eligible for admission into the program until a declaratory order process is completed with the licensure and/or certification board. Proof of eligibility for licensure and/or certification must be provided for consideration for admission into the program. Students with concerns should contact the Physical Therapy Chief Investigator at:

Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners (ECPTOTE)
333 Guadalupe, Ste. 2-510
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 305-6900

Once on the [ECPTOTE webpage](#), click on the “Request a Criminal History Evaluation” link and follow the given directions.

Application Package Scoring – All PTA program applications will be scored according to the following criteria:

Selection Criteria	Maximum Points
ATI TEAS Adjusted Individual Total Score	100
Completed application and essay	10

Bonus points will be awarded as follows:

Bonus Point Items	Points for an A	Points for a B	Points for a C	Other Points
BIOL 2401	4	3	1	
BIOL 2402	4	3	1	
ENGL 1301 (or higher)	4	3	1	
MATH 1314 (or higher)	4	3	1	
PSYC 2301	4	3	1	
Completed baccalaureate degree				5
Completed associate degree				3
Physical therapy volunteer or work experience greater than or equal to 1,000 hours				3
Physical therapy volunteer or work experience greater than 250 hours but less than 1,000 hours				2

Note: A grade of C or higher is required for all courses. Maximum total points (application, test, bonus) = 138



For 2018, there were 108 applicants to the program. Of these, 89 were qualified applicants. The remaining packages were disqualified for TEAS scores below 75 (11 applicants), or for not properly following the application procedures (8 applicants). The 26 highest-ranked applicants were offered seats in the program. Their average scores were as follows:

Applicant Cohort	TEAS Average	Total Package Average (TEAS + Essay + Bonus Points)
2018 selectees	85.75	116.53
All qualified applicants	81.72	109.00

By comparison, the TEAS average was 83.82, and the total package average was 112.06 for the selectees of the 2017 cohort. The higher or lower scores of the applicants themselves raise or lower the cutoff score each year, thus we are unable to provide an exact score that will ensure selection to the program.