



DOCTORATE OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

	Criteria	Scoring
ACADEMICS		
Cumulative GPA	Minimum 2.8	0-10 transformed points (each 0.25 point over 3.0 adds 2.5 points)
Prerequisite GPA	Minimum 3.0	0-15 transformed points (each 0.25 point over 3.0 adds 3.75 points)
Last 60 hrs GPA	Must be greater than 3.0 if Cumulative GPA is less than 2.8	0-5 transformed points (each 0.25 point over 3.0 adds 1.25 points)
Highly Recommended Courses GPA	Minimum 3.0	0-10 transformed points (each 0.25 point over 3.0 (B) adds 2.5 points)
ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC FACTORS		
Academic Attainment	Post-baccalaureate (Graduate or Professional) Degree	4 points
Academic Experience	Enrolled in post-baccalaureate (Graduate or Professional) degree (not completed)	2 points
PTA	Completed PTA degree	4 points
Augustana Student or Graduate (Alumna)	*No interview required if Augustana MSAT graduate or Viking Athlete Scholar (Augustana Athlete with > 3.5 GPA)	4 points
Demonstrated ability to manage academic load	Averaged 14 or more credit hours/term with minimum 3.0 average	2 points
Highly Recommended Coursework	See published list – may receive credit for each course (must achieve a B grade or higher)	0.25 points per course

WORK-LIFE EXPERIENCE		
Relevant Professional Work Experience	Any healthcare field, including <i>but not limited to</i> : ATC, DC, DO, EMT, Exercise Physiologist, MD, Nursing (any licensed), Paramedic, PTA, Personal Trainer (certified), Strength & Conditioning Coach	3 points
Military Experience	Minimum 2 years of active or reserve duty, any branch (regardless of country) with honorable discharge or separation	3 points
OTHER ACTIVITIES		
Community Engagement	Volunteer service hours of any kind (documentation may be requested)	1 point
Extracurricular Activities	Clubs, groups, club sports, etc.	1 point
Research Experience	Involved in some form of formal research	1 point
Collegiate Athlete	Minimum 1 season of an organized/recognized sport	1 point
Clinical Observation Hours	Observed physical therapy practice in any setting (documentation may be requested)	1 point
SOCIAL FACTORS		
Member of an underrepresented group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino) Race (American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander) Other (define) 	3 points for each category met (maximum 9 points)
Disadvantaged Applicant	Self-identifies on PTCAS as wishing to be considered as disadvantaged	3 points
Childhood Residency (between birth and 18 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Majority of life outside US Rural or Urban geographical area Experienced homelessness Medically underserved area 	1 point for each category met (maximum 4 points)
Interruptions in Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 adverse impacts Other reasons (unrelated to personal conduct or academic performance) Military Service 	1 point for each category met (maximum 3 points)
Family Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family or applicant receives public assistance Family income below poverty line (\$27,750 – HHS family of 4, 2022) Paid employment contributing to household under age 18 	1 point for each category (maximum 7 points)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First generation in family to attend college • Applicant is a primary caregiver • Worked > 20 hrs/week during undergraduate education • Is a head of household with dependents 	
High School Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low graduation rate • Low college attendance • High eligibility for free/reduced price lunches Participation in Academic Enrichment Program funded by Health Careers Opportunity Program	1 point for each category (maximum 4 points)
FACULTY REVIEW		
Purpose Statement Essay	Essays will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: Strength & clarity of writing (8 points) Mechanics of writing (4 points)	12 points for each reviewer
Inclusion Statement Essay	Essays will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength & clarity (8 points) • Mechanics (4 points) 	12 points for each reviewer
Academic Performance Essay – required if cumulative GPA < 2.80	Essays will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-reflection and awareness (5 points) • Action plan for improvement (10 points) 	15 points for each reviewer
Letters of Recommendation (Two required, one must be from a licensed physical therapist)	Letters will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source (demonstrated knowledge of the applicant) Case made for admission selection	6 points for each reviewer