

# APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

(Admission Cycle 2026-2027)

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### ACADEMICS

Cumulative GPA	Minimum 3.0
Prerequisite GPA	Minimum 3.0
Last 60 hrs GPA	Must be greater than 3.0 if Cumulative GPA is less than 3.0
Highly Recommended Courses GPA	Minimum 3.0
Academic Attainment	Post-baccalaureate (Graduate or Professional) Degree

### OCCUPATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Healthcare Professional Work Experience or Education	<p>Any healthcare field, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATC</li> <li>• DC</li> <li>• DO</li> <li>• EMT</li> <li>• SLP</li> <li>• OT</li> <li>• Exercise Physiologist</li> <li>• MD</li> <li>• DO</li> <li>• Nursing (any licensed)</li> <li>• Paramedic</li> <li>• PTA</li> <li>• Personal Trainer (certified)</li> <li>• Strength &amp; Conditioning Coach</li> </ul>
Military Experience	Minimum 2 years of active or reserve duty, any branch of US military with honorable discharge, education interrupted because of military service, currently serve in reserves or National Guard

### AUGUSTANA CONSIDERATIONS

Augustana Student or Graduate (Alumna)	*No interview required if Augustana MSAT graduate, Athlete Scholar, or Augustana Exercise Science graduate
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### HOLISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

High School Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low graduation rate</li><li>• Low college attendance</li><li>• High eligibility for free/reduced price lunches</li><li>• Participation in Academic Enrichment Program funded by Health Careers Opportunity Program</li><li>• Participated in Summer Health Professions Exploration Program</li><li>• Member of the National Society for High School Scholars</li><li>• Participated in Future Health Professionals</li></ul>
Childhood Residency (between birth and 18 years)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Majority of life outside US</li><li>• Rural or Urban geographical area</li><li>• Experienced homelessness</li><li>• Medically underserved area</li></ul>
Interruptions in Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COVID-19 adverse impacts</li><li>• Other reasons (unrelated to personal conduct or academic performance)</li><li>• Military Service</li></ul>
Family Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family or applicant receives public assistance</li><li>• Foster System between 0-18 years</li><li>• Family income below poverty line</li><li>• (\$27,750 - HHS family of 4, 2022)</li><li>• Paid employment contributing to household under age 18</li><li>• First generation in family to attend college</li><li>• Applicant is a primary caregiver</li><li>• Received or eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant</li><li>• Worked &gt; 20 hrs/week during undergraduate education</li><li>• Is a head of household with dependents</li></ul>

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Highly Recommended Coursework	See published list – may receive credit for each course (must achieve a B grade or higher)
Community Engagement	Volunteer service hours of any kind (documentation may be requested)
Extracurricular Activities	Engagement in college NCAA sport, organized college music ensemble (minimum one season of NCAA sport or one semester as member of music ensemble)
Research Experience	Involved in some form of formal research
Clinical Observation Hours	Observed physical therapy practice in any setting (documentation may be requested)

### FACULTY REVIEW

Two Letters of Recommendation	Letters will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source (demonstrated knowledge of the applicant)</li> <li>• Case made for admission selection</li> </ul>
Interview	Video interview will be scored by faculty reviewers on quality of responses, verbal communication, and professionalism
Academic Performance Kira Talent Interview – required if cumulative GPA at least a 2.80	Video interview assessment if needed, scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-reflection and awareness</li> <li>• Action plan for improvement</li> </ul>