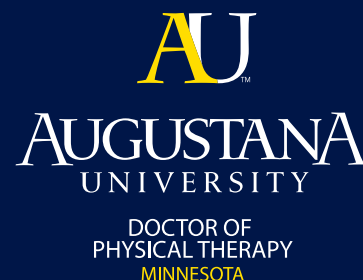


APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

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CRITERIA	
ACADEMICS (40 points)	
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 2.8
Highly Recommended Courses GPA	Minimum 3.0
ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC FACTORS (23 points)	
Academic Attainment	Post-baccalaureate (Graduate or Professional) Degree
Academic Experience	Enrolled in post-baccalaureate (Graduate or Professional) degree (not completed)
PTA	Completed PTA degree
Augustana Student or Graduate (Alumna)	*No interview required if Augustana MSAT graduate or Viking Athlete Scholar (Augustana Athlete with > 3.5 GPA)
Demonstrated ability to manage academic stress	Averaged 14 or more credit hours/term with minimum 3.0 average
Highly Recommended Coursework	See published list – may receive credit for each course (must achieve a B grade or higher)
WORK-LIFE EXPERIENCE (6 points)	
Relevant Professional Work Experience	Any healthcare field, including but not limited to: ATC, DC, DO, EMT, Exercise Physiologist, MD, Nursing (any licensed), Paramedic, PTA, Personal Trainer (certified), Strength & Conditioning Coach
Military Experience	Minimum 2 years of active or reserve duty, any branch (regardless of country) with honorable discharge or separation

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OTHER ACTIVITIES (5 points)	
Community Engagement	Volunteer service hours of any kind (documentation may be requested)
Extracurricular Activities	Clubs, groups, club sports, etc.
Research Experience	Involved in some form of formal research
Collegiate Athlete	Minimum 1 season of an organized/recognized sport
Clinical Observation Hours	Observed physical therapy practice in any setting (documentation may be requested)
SOCIAL FACTORS (26 points)	
Disadvantaged Applicant	Self-identifies on PTCAS as wishing to be considered as disadvantaged
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
Interruptions in Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-19 adverse impacts Other reasons (unrelated to personal conduct or academic performance) Military Service
Family Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family or applicant receives public assistance Foster System between 0-18 years Family income below poverty line (\$27,750 – HHS family of 4, 2022) Paid employment contributing to household under age 18 First generation in family to attend college Applicant is a primary caregiver Received or eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant Worked > 20 hrs/week during undergraduate education Is a head of household with dependents

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SOCIAL FACTORS CONTINUED (26 points)	
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 • Participated in Summer Health Professions Exploration Program • Member of the National Society for High School Scholars • Participated in Future Health Professionals
FACULTY REVIEW (60 points)	
Inclusion Statement Essay	<p>Essays will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength & clarity of writing (8 points) • Mechanics of writing (4 points)
Academic Performance Essay - required if cumulative GPA < 3.0	<p>Essays will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-reflection and awareness (5 points) • Action plan for improvement (10 points)
Letters of Recommendation (Two required, one must be from a licensed physical therapist)	<p>Letters will be scored by two blinded faculty reviewers on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source (demonstrated knowledge of the applicant) • Case made for admission selection