

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA**  
**PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT ASSOCIATE OF**  
**APPLIED SCIENCE**  
Fall 2024 Selection Criteria

Applicants will be ranked and selected by the following point system:

**1. CUMULATIVE PREREQUISITE GPA:**

- 2.50 – 2.99 = 0 points
- 3.00 – 3.59 = 2 points
- 3.60 – 4.00 = 6 points

**2. PT 100 (1 point)**

- One point will be awarded if completed with a grade of “A”

**3. THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ON APPROVED FORM (Up to 6 points):**

<https://www.csn.edu/csnmedia/documents/program-documents/physical-therapist-assistant-program/ptarecommendation.pdf>

**SCORING:** Criteria marked "Excellent"= 2 points, "Good"= 1 point, "Average, Below Average, or No Basis for Judgment"= 0 points.

\*If letter is not signed and on approved form = 0 points

- 0 - 29 = 0 points
- 30-44 = 2 points
- 45-54 = 6 points

**4. COMPLETION OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (2 points):**

Points will be awarded ONLY if COM, US & Nevada Constitution, AND Social Sciences/ Humanities additional general education requirement courses are all completed with a grade of "B" or higher.

**5. COMPLETION OF BIOL COURSES:**

- BIOL 223 completed with a grade of “B” or better (2 points).
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**6. OBSERVATION/VOLUNTEER/WORK EXPERIENCE IN A PHYSICAL THERAPY SETTING (Up to 5 points):**

<https://www.csn.edu/csnmedia/documents/program-documents/physical-therapist-assistant-program/pta-obs.pdf>

\*Hours must be completed within 12 months of the application deadline.

- 40 or more hours = 3 points
  - If 20 hours are in a neurologic or pediatric setting = 1 point added
- If currently a PT Tech = 1 point added
  - Minimum of 1 month employment. Provide letter from employer/ supervisor specifying work duties and length of employment.

**7. HUMANITARIAN VOLUNTEER HOURS (3 points):**

If students complete 40 hours or more of humanitarian volunteer work within 12 months of the application deadline, they will receive three (3) points.

Examples of eligible sites include: Three Square Food Bank, Opportunity Village, Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Clean the World, Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, and similar charities.

- Students must submit a letter from the organization(s) where volunteer work was performed including the following:
  - On letterhead
  - Date letter was written
  - Student's name
  - Location of volunteer work
  - Date volunteer work began and ended
  - Number of volunteer hours completed
  - Specific job duties
  - Supervisor's contact information
  - Supervisor's signature

**8. COMPLETION OF CTE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM (1 point):**

- One point will be awarded with proof of certificate. <https://www.csn.edu/cte>

**9. COMPLETION OF HEALTHY LIVING AND AGING COURSES: HHP 150, 190, 201, and 213 (1 point)**

- One point awarded if ALL successfully completed with a "C" or better.

**10. FULL-TIME COURSE ENROLLMENT (2 points)**

- Two points will be awarded if 12 credits or more are taken for at least one semester in the academic year immediately preceding the application deadline and all courses are successfully passed with the minimum grade required for the program.

**11. INTERVIEW ACTIVITY:**

- The twenty applicants with the highest point sub-total from criteria 1-10 (31 points possible) will be invited to participate in an interview activity to potentially earn more points toward selection.