

**Idaho State University College of Technology**  
**Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program**  
**Bachelors Pool Selection Criteria**

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Completion of PTA prerequisites (English and Math – Accuplacer/ACT/SAT scores accepted) by March 1.
- All General Pool and Bachelors Pool preference courses must be completed with a cumulative 2.0 GPA (“C” or higher), unless otherwise noted below, by the application deadline (March 1) to be considered.
- Medical Law and Ethics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Introduction to Pathology must each be completed with a grade of “C” or higher and within the last five (5) years.
- No disqualifying criminal history (per program and clinical site requirements).
- Applicant must be willing to relocate outside a 75-mile radius of Idaho State University’s Pocatello campus for at least one (and possibly both) required clinical affiliations, at the applicant’s own expense.
- Completion of the TEAS exam within the last 12 months of the application deadline (March 1 of the same year). No more than two (2) attempts per application with a minimum of 30 days between attempts.
- Completion of a separate PTA program application, submitted online during the application period (Dec. 1 – March 1).

**\*After meeting the minimum requirements above, students are ranked based on the point system below. Course points are calculated as Credits × Grade Point Value earned in the course (4.0 scale). The example column illustrates the highest possible points attainable in each course, assuming a 4.0 GPA (grade of “A”).**

**Grade Point Conversion Scale**

| A   | A-  | B+  | B   | B-  | C+  | C   | Below C      |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| 4.0 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.0 | Not Accepted |

**General Pool Preference Courses**

*Credits and points below reflect the highest-credit option where a course offers alternative equivalent options (e.g., Anatomy & Physiology). Points Possible = Credits × 4.0.*

| Course / Criteria                                | Credits | Points Possible highest-credit option shown | Points Awarded (Example) |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Writing and Rhetoric I (ENGL 1101 or ENGL 1101P) | 3       | 12                                          | 12 (4.0 GPA)             |
| Oral Communication (COMM 1101)                   | 3       | 12                                          | 12 (4.0 GPA)             |

| Course / Criteria                                                                                                                                                                   | Credits              | Points Possible<br>highest-credit<br>option shown | Points Awarded<br>(Example) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Psychology (PSYC 1101)                                                                                                                                                              | 3                    | 12                                                | 12 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Objective 3 Math (1123/P, 1127, 1130, 1143/P, 1153/P, 1160, or 1170; TGE 1140)                                                                                                      | 3                    | 12                                                | 12 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Biology I (BIOL 1101/1101L)                                                                                                                                                         | 4                    | 16                                                | 16 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Medical Terminology (HO 1106 or HCA 2210 or HE 2210)                                                                                                                                | 2                    | 8                                                 | 8 (4.0 GPA)                 |
| Medical Law and Ethics (HO 1107 or HCA 4475) – must be “C” or higher, within last 5 years                                                                                           | 3                    | 12                                                | 12 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Anatomy & Physiology – choose one option (a. HO 1111; b. BIOL 2227/L & 2228/L; c. BIOL 3301/L & 3302/L**) – highest-credit option shown; must be “C” or higher, within last 5 years | a. 4<br>b. 8<br>c. 8 | 32                                                | 32 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Introduction to Pathology (HO 2208 or BIOL 3305) – must be “C” or higher, within last 5 years                                                                                       | 3                    | 12                                                | 12 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Number of Preference Courses Completed AND Cumulative GPA – rubric-scored (most points awarded for higher GPAs)                                                                     | —                    | 10                                                | 10                          |
| <b>General Pool Subtotal</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <b>32</b>            | <b>138</b>                                        | <b>138</b>                  |

### BSHS Pool Preference Courses

*Additional courses required to gain preference for the BSHS (Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences) track, in addition to the General Pool courses above.*

| Course / Criteria                                                                                                                                                                  | Credits                   | Points Possible<br>highest-credit<br>option shown | Points Awarded<br>(Example) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chemistry Sequence – choose one option (a. Gen. Chemistry I & II w/Labs, CHEM 1111/L & 1112/L; <b>OR</b> b. Intro to Gen. Chemistry 1101 + Organic & Bio. w/Lab, CHEM 1102 & 1103) | a. 9<br><b>OR</b><br>b. 7 | 36                                                | 36 (4.0 GPA)                |
| Physics Sequence – choose one option (a. Gen. Physics I & II w/Labs, PHYS 1111/1113 & 1112/1114; <b>OR</b> Essentials of Physics, PHYS 1100)                                       | a. 8<br><b>OR</b><br>b. 4 | 32                                                | 32 (4.0 GPA)                |

| Course / Criteria                                                                                               | Credits                                   | Points Possible<br>highest-credit option shown | Points Awarded<br>(Example) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Number of Preference Courses Completed AND Cumulative GPA – rubric-scored (most points awarded for higher GPAs) | —                                         | 10                                             | 10                          |
| <b>BSHS Pool Subtotal</b>                                                                                       | <b>17<br/>highest-credit option shown</b> | <b>78</b>                                      | <b>78</b>                   |

### TEAS – Test of Essential Academic Skills

#### *ATI Academic Preparedness Levels*

| TEAS Performance Criteria  | — | Points Possible | Points Awarded<br>(Example)            |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Developmental: 0.0% to 40% |   | 40              | —                                      |
| Basic: 40.7% to 58.0%      |   | 60              | —                                      |
| Proficient: 58.7% to 79.3% |   | 80              | —                                      |
| Advanced: 80.0% to 91.3%   |   | 100             |                                        |
| Exemplary: 92.0% to 100.0% |   | 120             | 120 (Example:<br>score above<br>90.7%) |
| <b>TEAS Subtotal</b>       |   | <b>120</b>      | <b>120</b>                             |

### PTA Assignment

*Scored by program faculty using a rubric assessing completeness, quality, and adherence to instructions. Required of all applicants.*

| PTA Assignment Criteria                                                           | — | Points Possible | Points Awarded<br>(Example)                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| PTA Assignment – rubric-scored (completeness, quality, adherence to instructions) |   | 50              | 50 (Example:<br>full-credit rubric<br>score) |
| <b>PTA Assignment Subtotal</b>                                                    |   | <b>50</b>       | <b>50</b>                                    |

### Reference Forms

*Scored by program faculty using a rubric assessing supportiveness and appropriate sources. Required of all applicants.*

| Reference Forms Criteria         | — | Points Possible | Points Awarded (Example)               |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Two (2) PTA Applicant References |   | 10              | 10 (Example: full-credit rubric score) |
| <b>PTA Assignment Subtotal</b>   |   | <b>10</b>       | <b>10</b>                              |

### Observation Hours

*Scored by program faculty using a rubric assessing completeness and number of settings. Required of all applicants.*

| Observation Hours Criteria                                          | — | Points Possible | Points Awarded (Example)               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 20 Hours minimum required Observation Hours in 2 different settings |   | 20              | 20 (Example: full-credit rubric score) |
| <b>PTA Assignment Subtotal</b>                                      |   | <b>20</b>       | <b>20</b>                              |
| <b>TOTAL APPLICATION POINTS</b>                                     |   | <b>416</b>      | <b>416 (Example)</b>                   |

### Other Requirements

- Please work with the Health Occupations Advisor via Student Services (Phone 208-282-2622).
- Current CPR certification (BLS Healthcare Provider) from the American Heart Association.