

Weatherford College PTA Program Tip Sheet and FAQs

There are 5 courses you need to start taking prior to applying to the program. Two are considered pre-requisite courses and must be completed prior to admission to the program. However, they do not have to be completed to apply to the program. The next three are general education courses that can be taken once admitted to the program but are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to have been completed prior.

- BIOL 2401 Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 2402 Anatomy and Physiology II
- ENGL 1301 Composition
- PSYC 2314 Human Growth and Developmental Psychology
- X3XX Elective Creative Arts **or** Language, Philosophy, and Culture:

For the electives choose **one course** from either of the lists below.

Creative Arts	Language, Philosophy, and Culture
ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation	ENGL 2321 British Literature
ARTS 1303 Art History Survey I	ENGL 2322 British Literature I
ARTS 1304 Art History Survey II	ENGL 2323 British Literature II
DRAM 1310 Introduction to Theatre	ENGL 2326 American Literature
MUSI 1310 American Music	ENGL 2327 American Literature I
HUMA 1315 Fine Arts Appreciation	ENGL 2328 American Literature II
MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation	ENGL 2331 World Literature
MUSI 1307 Music Literature	ENGL 2332 World Literature I
	ENGL 2333 World Literature II
	ENGL 2341 Forms of Literature
	HIST 2311 Western Civilization I
	HIST 2312 Western Civilization II
	PHIL 1301 Introduction to Philosophy
	PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics
	PHIL 2321 Philosophy of Religion
	SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I
	SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II

Grades: The most important grades are what you make in Anatomy and Physiology. These grades count for 25% of the points used for ranking in the admission criteria. Having the other general education courses completed counts in ranking as well. However, the grades in those courses just need to be a C or better.

GPA – is **not used** in ranking candidates. If you have academic skeletons in your past – we won't hold it against you.

The application deadline for consideration to the fall class is March 1 of each year. You can download the application on the webpage: www.wc.edu/PTA in the Applications requirements section.

Information Sessions: With a few exceptions, generally, they are held on the second Tuesday of the month (Sept. – Feb) at 6:00 pm on Zoom. On the second Wednesday of each month, the PTA program offers an open house in LART 113/114 from 3:30 – 4:00. Specific dates for the Information Sessions and open houses are available on the PTA Information Sessions webpage and a link to the information sessions is on that same webpage. The Information Session page can be found on the main PTA program webpage (on the right of the screen if on a laptop. If you are on a phone or a tablet you may have to scroll down to the bottom of the page to find links).

Information Sessions are not required to apply but are strongly recommended to answer questions about the program and the application. It's helpful to hear questions other people ask that you might not have thought about.

FAQs

What criteria do you use to determine admission?

The program uses criteria based on a point system. The scores on the HESI A2 exam are 25%, Grades in A&P, 25%, Number of general education courses required including A&P, 15% (3 points for each course completed), Interview, 25%, and a proctored writing essay, 10%. Up to 2 additional points are awarded for Parker County residents, 1 point for Wise County, and 1 point for Granbury.

Can I be taking Anatomy and Physiology (or the other gen. ed. courses) during the spring when I am submitting my application?

Yes- you can. When you submit your application, you will need to include a copy of your transcripts. Your most recent transcript should show that you are currently enrolled in the progress of an Anatomy and Physiology course. The program will give you a "C" for credit to be used in the points for ranking to get an interview. Many students are progressing to interviews that are taking a course.

Do I have to be a current student at Weatherford College to apply to the PTA program?

You do not have to take your general education courses at WC but you will need to apply to the college and be in the process of getting accepted to apply. As soon as you have a WC ID and email address notify the PTA program director.

Are official copies of transcripts required to apply to the program?

Currently no. Student issues transcripts are acceptable to submit in your application packet. When you get admitted to the program, you will have to submit "Official Transcripts" to the office of student services if admitted.

Can I submit official copies of transcripts to the program?

This is not recommended. When the program faculty open the transcripts inside your application they are used for program purposes only and are not forwarded to the office of the Registrar (Student Services), instead, they are kept in the PTA program applicants' file.

What is the HESI A2 test and what do I need to do to prepare?

The HESI A2 is a health education admissions test for associate degree health science programs. You take the HESI A2 test through the WC testing center. You pay and schedule the exam online <https://www.wc.edu/current-students/testing/weatherford-testing-center.php>. Workshops and tutoring to help you prepare are available in the Academic Support Center and a link to the workshops is available using the above link at the testing center. A review book is available through the WC bookstore and a variety of review books are available online to help you prepare for the exam. The PTA program does not recommend one over the other.

Is there a minimum score required for the HESI A2 exam?

No, not at this time. The program uses the overall score but does require scores in all 5 sections.

Can scores for the TEAS test or other placement tests be used for the HESI exam scores?

No, other exam scores do not correlate so they can't be used in place of HESI scores.

If I took the HESI A2 at another school, can I use those scores?

It depends. The sections required for the PTA program are General Knowledge, Reading Comprehension Including Vocabulary, Grammar, Math, and Anatomy and Physiology. If you completed the same 5 sections at that school, then yes, you can submit those scores. If you took the exam and that school only required 4 sections then you have to retake the exam. At this time, HESI A2 does not have any testing available for just one or two sections. Therefore, you need to retake the entire exam with all sections required.

Do I have to attend an Information Session to apply to the program?

No, attendance is not mandatory but it is strongly recommended.

Still have questions? Contact Cindy Lavine, PTA Program Director at (817) 598-8873 or email at clavine@wc.edu.