

Dear High School Student,

We are thrilled that you are looking into our Physical Therapist Assistant program at Idaho State University's College of Technology. Have you applied to Idaho State University's College of Technology yet? If not, that will be your very first step. You can do this online or by picking up a paper application at the Student Services office. For additional help with the Idaho State University application or for a tour of the program, please contact our Marketing and Recruitment Office: 208-282-5216.

Since this is a competitive program, we wanted to outline the two options that you have to pursue this degree as acceptance to ISU does not automatically place you in the program.

Option A:

By the application deadline in March, you must have college credit for both Medical Terminology (HE 2210 or HO 1106 or HCA 2210) AND Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology (HO 1111). If you are not able to take HO 1111 for college credit while in high school, you do have the option to take a Proficiency Exam in this course at Idaho State University. To be eligible to take the Proficiency Exam, you must provide:

- A letter of Recommendation from your High School A&P instructor
- Medical Terminology (taken at the high school level) must be completed or in process
- Your shadow hours must be completed
- You must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher

Once you have these documents and conditions met, please contact Student Services to arrange the Proficiency Exam. Scores from the Proficiency Exam will be used to evaluate high school applicants, students must achieve a score of 73% or better for consideration. If accepted into the program, you will be required to take HO 1111 in your first semester and pass it with a "C" or higher. As long as you have passed the Proficiency Exam you are eligible to apply the March before you graduate high school.

Option B:

If you are unable to receive college credit for Medical Terminology and Anatomy and Physiology prior to graduating high school, you can use your first year at Idaho State University to work on the Preference Courses (these can be found on our webpage: <https://www.isu.edu/pta/pta-application/>). This is the general route that many students take. The more preference courses that you have completed with "A's" and "B's," the better your chances of getting into the program. We also have a Bachelors of Science in Health Science that goes well with our PTA program if a student wishes to further their education.

For more information or if you have questions on these two routes, please contact the College of Technology Health Occupations Student Navigator, Stephanie Foreman, at 208-282-2622. We hope to see you soon!

Thank you,

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program