

**OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
AUTO BIOGRAPHICAL ESSAY FOR ADMISSION
SCORING SHEET**

Cover Page required: Include name of school, program, paper title, first and last name, and date. There should be no first and last name displayed in the body of the essay.

Structure				Possible this section = 30	
Format	Font: Arial, 11 2 pages, single-spaced 5 points		Anything other than 2-pages/Font 0 points		
Introduction	Essay includes a clear introductory sentence or paragraph tells what the essay will contain. 5 points	Essay includes an introductory sentence, but it does not clearly explain the goal of the essay. 3 points	No introductory sentence or paragraph is present. 0 points		
Body	Body follows a logical flow for the information presented. 5 points	Body follows logical flow for the information presented ~ 50% of the time. 3 points	Body does not follow a logical flow for the information presented. 0 points		
Conclusion	Essay includes a clear conclusion that summarizes the essay. 5 points	Essay includes a concluding statement or paragraph, but it does not summarize the essay. 3 points	Essay does not contain a summarizing conclusion. 0 points		
Spelling/Grammar	No spelling or grammatical errors 10 points	5 or less, spelling or grammatical errors 5 points	>5 spelling or grammatical errors 0 points		
				TOTAL	
Composition				Possible this section = 60	
Expression	Essay captivates the attention of the reader. 30 points	Attention grabbing at times, but reader loses interest throughout the essay. 15 points	Difficult to read due to dry nature of the writing. 0 points		
Theme	Essay has a clearly identifiable theme that flows throughout the paper. 30 points	A theme can be identified in the essay, but is not clearly defined. 15 points	Essay does not demonstrate any theme. 0 points		
				TOTAL	

Content				Possible this section = 90	
Goals	Clearly defined goals. 15 points	Poorly defined goals 8 points	No goals discussed. 0 points		
Interests	Discusses areas of personal interest and relates to interest in physical therapy. 15 points	Discusses areas of personal interest, but does not relate to interest in physical therapy. 8 points	Areas of personal interest are not discussed. 0 points		
Experiences	Discusses personal experience with physical therapy and how this impacted choice to enter the PT field. 15 points	Discusses personal experience with physical therapy, but does not relate how this impacted choice to enter the PT field. 8 points	Does not discuss personal experience with physical therapy. 0 points		
Characteristics	Discusses personal characteristics the individual possesses to assist them in a career as a PTA 15 points	Discusses personal characteristics, but does not discuss how this will assist them in a career as a PTA. 8 points	Does not discuss personal characteristics. 0 points		
Reason for seeking PTA degree	Gives a clear picture as to why he/she is interested in pursuing a PTA degree. 15 points	Only provides a vague discussion as to why he/she is interested in pursuing a PTA degree. 8 points	Provides no insight as to why he/she is interested in pursuing a PTA degree. 0 points		
Why considered for this program.	Gives a compelling reason he/she should be considered for OTC's PTA program. 15 points	Provides weak reasons why he/she should be considered for OTC's PTA program. 8 points	Provides no compelling reason why he/she should be considered for OTC's PTA program. 0 points		
				GRAND TOTAL	