Category 1 – Clearances in English and Math  You need to either pass the English and Math Placement Test at a level that would allow you to take English 1 and Intermediate Algebra. Any college placement test can be used for this category (ACT, SAT, CEEB), as long as your score will allow you to enroll in English 1 and Intermediate Algebra. If you have not taken or passed either test, you may clear these prerequisites by completing English 1 or Intermediate Algebra at an accredited college with a grade of C or better.

Category 2 – Related Work Experience  All work experience must be verified by a letter from your employer stating that you were a paid employee, giving your job title, and listing your dates of employment. To qualify as a P.T. Aide and earn seven points, your supervisor must have been a Physical Therapist who is qualified for a license to practice in California. Related medical experiences are jobs such as O.T. Aide, Athletic Trainer, Certified Nursing Assistant, Paramedic, Recreation Therapist or other similar jobs. This type of employment will earn three points. If you have not worked in any medical field, but have volunteered in Physical Therapy, a letter is not required. Please describe your volunteer experience in the General Information section of the application. You may only receive points in one of these three areas.

Category 3 - Related Medical/Science Units  Courses that qualify for points in this section are listed on the scoring sheet. All potential courses must have been completed at an accredited college with a grade of C or better. The program requires that you have completed, with a grade of C or better, Anatomy/Physiology with a lab with at least 5 units. Without this prerequisite, an application will not be considered. If you have questions on a particular course, you may contact one of the Cerritos College Program Counselors. Each three units are worth two points.

Category 4 – General Education Requirements  These courses must meet graduation requirement for general education at Cerritos College. A grade of C or better must be earned in each course. If less than a C was earned, it will disqualify your application. You may repeat this class and replace it with a C or higher to re-qualify.

Category 5 – Updated Work Since Prior Application  If you have applied in the prior year and were not selected, you may request that your application be considered again the next year. This must be done in writing. If you have completed other courses, placement tests or attained work experience, please verify with official transcripts, work in progress reports from the college, or letter verifying work experience from the employer. Courses earn one point for each three units in addition to counting in Category 3 or 4. Work experience counts for two points in addition to earning points in Category 2.