1. How many students are accepted into the PTA Program every year?
18 students are accepted into the PTA Program each year.

2. When does the program start?
A new class of students starts the program every fall semester.

3. How are program admissions decided?
Program admissions are on a first-come, first-serve basis, with the first 18 student who have met all admission requirements receiving entry into the program. There is not an admission deadline.

4. What happens if I am not one of the first 18 students who meet admission requirements?
If a student has met all admission requirements but is not one of the first 18 qualified applicants, they will be placed on the program’s alternate list.

5. How does the alternate list work?
If a student gives up their position in the program, the first student on the alternate list would be offered that position. After the beginning of the fall semester, the first 18 students on the alternate list would be guaranteed a position in the next year’s class.

6. How many observation hours are required for program admission?
40 hours of observation is required. This can take place at one or more physical therapy departments. Please contact the PTA Program Director if you are having difficulty finding a place to perform clinical observation.

7. What is the ATI TEAS?
The ATI TEAS is a computer-based 3.5 hour test that measures skills in academic areas of reading, mathematics, science, and English/language usage.

8. Where can I take the ATI TEAS?
The ATI TEAS is administered at the East Grand Forks campus of Northland Community and Technical College in the library testing center.

9. What score do I need to receive on the ATI TEAS to be admitted into the PTA Program?
An applicant must score above 62% for the Adjusted Individual Total (AIT) Score after October 1st, 2018. Scores between 58-62% will meet admission requirements for exams taken prior to October 2018.

10. Can I take the ATI TEAS admissions exam more than once?
Yes, a student can take the ATI TEAS a maximum of two times per academic year.

11. Is there a fee for taking the ATI TEAS?
If you are testing at the NCTC Test Center, the fee of $58 (plus tax) is paid on the day of the test, at the test center. Please make sure to bring a credit/debit card the day of your exam.

12. Is there a study guide for the ATI TEAS?
The ATI TEAS Study Manual-6th Edition is available on the ATI website after you have created an account (as specified in FAQ #16). The ATI TEAS Study Manual is the official TEAS resource, written specifically to address the needs of students preparing to take the TEAS. Go to the ATI Online Store, located at the top of the page and click on TEAS Products. Also, there are online practice assessments you can purchase to help prepare for the TEAS; all are optional.
13. Do I have to take this exam if I have a degree from another college?
Yes, all applicants to the PTA Program must complete the ATI TEAS.

14. When can I take the ATI TEAS?
Only a limited number of testing positions are available for each listed date, students must be registered at least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time. The following dates/times are available for taking the ATI TEAS for December 2018 through May 2019:
- December 7th
- January 25th
- February 8th
- March 22nd
- April 12th
- May 3rd

**Expected arrival time for each test date is 11:30 am**

15. How do I schedule a date to take the ATI TEAS?
Prior to the testing date, the student must schedule a date with the NCTC Testing Center. To do so, send an email to ege.proctor@northlandcollege.edu. In this email, you must put “ATI TEAS” in the subject line, and in the message state:
- Your name
- Email address
- Phone number
- The date you would like to take the ATI TEAS®, according to dates available set by the test center

You will receive a confirmation email from the test center confirming the test date as well as additional information regarding what to bring on test day. It is recommended one schedules early as there are only a limited number of testing positions for each date.

16. How do I register to take the ATI TEAS?
At least 24 hours before the scheduled exam time, students must register at the following website: www.atitesting.com, go to “Create an account” under the log-in area on the right. Fill out all information; on the Institution Info page select “Northland Community & Tech College AH”.

17. How do I pay the exam fee?
Students will make payment online, in the test center, the day of the exam. Please make sure to bring a credit/debit card the day of your exam.

18. What do I do on the day of testing?
Students must bring a picture ID that includes a signature (example: driver license), the log-in and password that the candidate has created when registering with ATI, and arrive at the testing center at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled exam time. Calculator is provided on the exam. Do NOT bring your own calculator.

19. What do I do if I have any questions?
Contact the PTA Program Director, Justin Berry, PT, DPT, PhD, at: Justin.berry@northlandcollege.edu