

Strategies for PT (Physical Therapy) School



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Bureau of Labor Statistics

Growth Outlook for Employment

17% increase in employment 2021-2031

Median Pay 2021: \$95,620 per year

Terminal Degree Needed: Doctorate of Physical Therapy (Clinical Doctorate)

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Physical Therapists, at <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/physical-therapist.htm>

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Work Environment

Offices of physical, occupational and speech therapists, and audiologists	36 %
Hospitals; state, local, and private	29 %
Home health care services	11 %
Nursing and residential care facilities	5 %
Offices of physicians	3 %



Education

Accredited Program (CAPT)





Cost of Programs - Do Your Homework

Cost of Professional Education

Table 4. Average Annual Tuition, Fees, and Other Costs by Type of Institution, 2019-2020 (e)

(One program has been historically reported as

Type of Institution	Tuition	Fees	Other Costs
Public 4-year institutions	4,800	1,200	1,000
Private 4-year institutions	12,000	2,000	1,500
Public 2-year institutions	2,500	800	500
Private 2-year institutions	5,000	1,000	800
Public 1-year institutions	1,500	500	300
Private 1-year institutions	3,000	800	600



Competitive Field

	3.57
	3.42
	51%
	55%
	56%



Applications: How to Start Finding and Comparing Schools

What schools offer PT and how do I compare them?

Where can I find information on the program specifics (class size, faculty: student ratios, tuition, outcomes (board pass rates) etc) and if the program is accredited?

<https://aptaapps.apta.org//accreditedschoolsdirectory/capedirectory.aspx>

<http://www.ptcas.org/Directory/> (Scroll down!)

CAPTE: Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education

PTCAS: Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service

Flex or Hybrid Programs in California

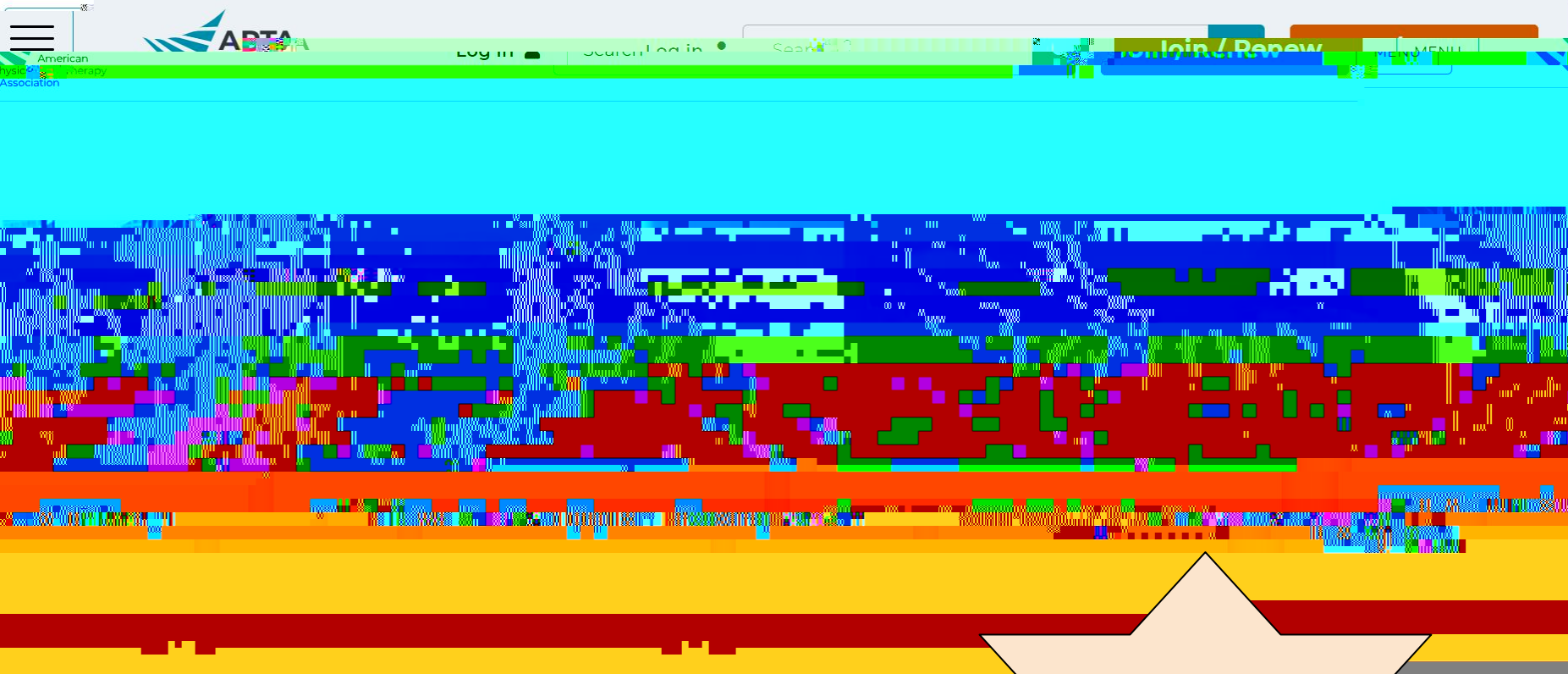
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Hint: Make a Spreadsheet

Starting YOUR Journey

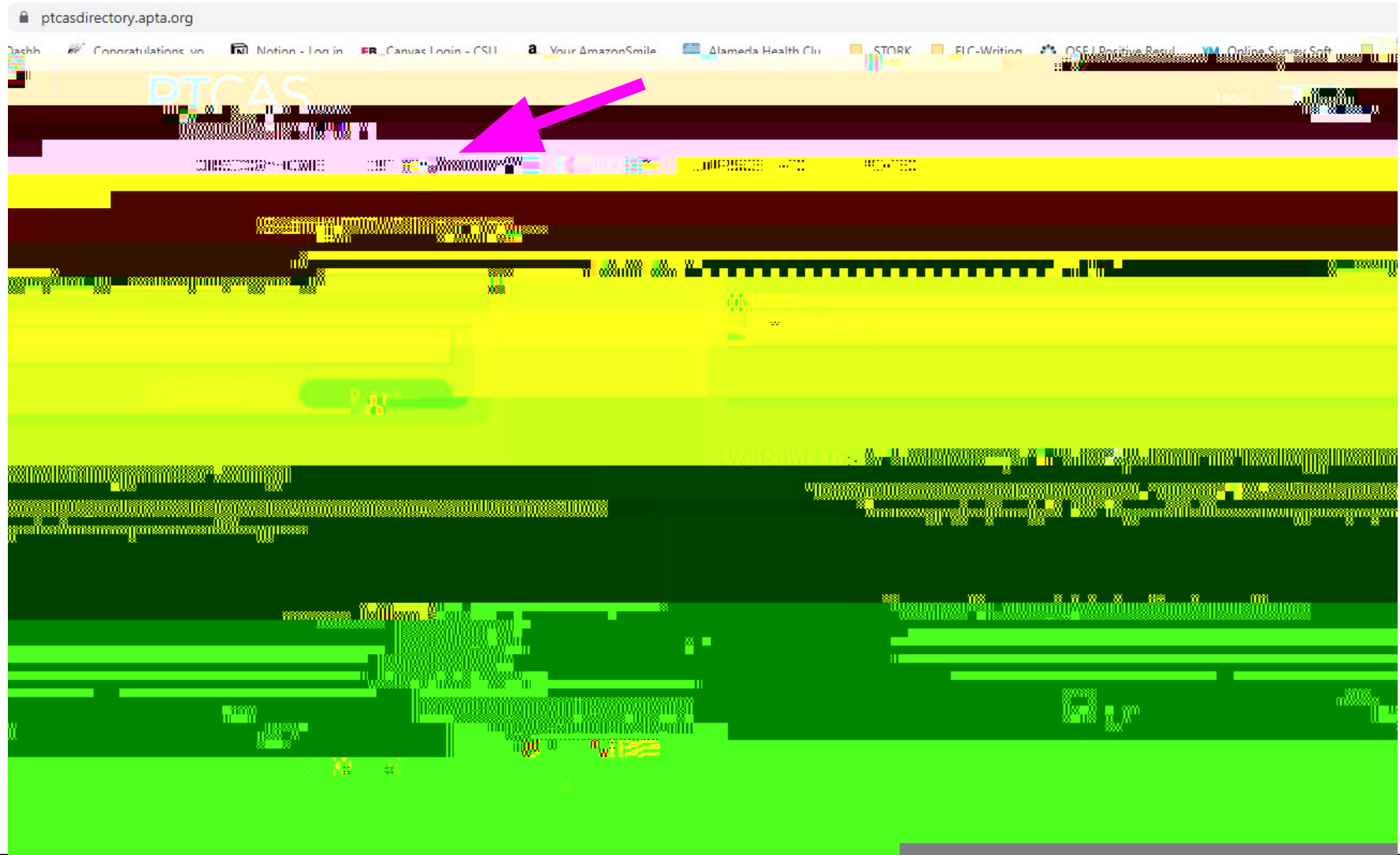


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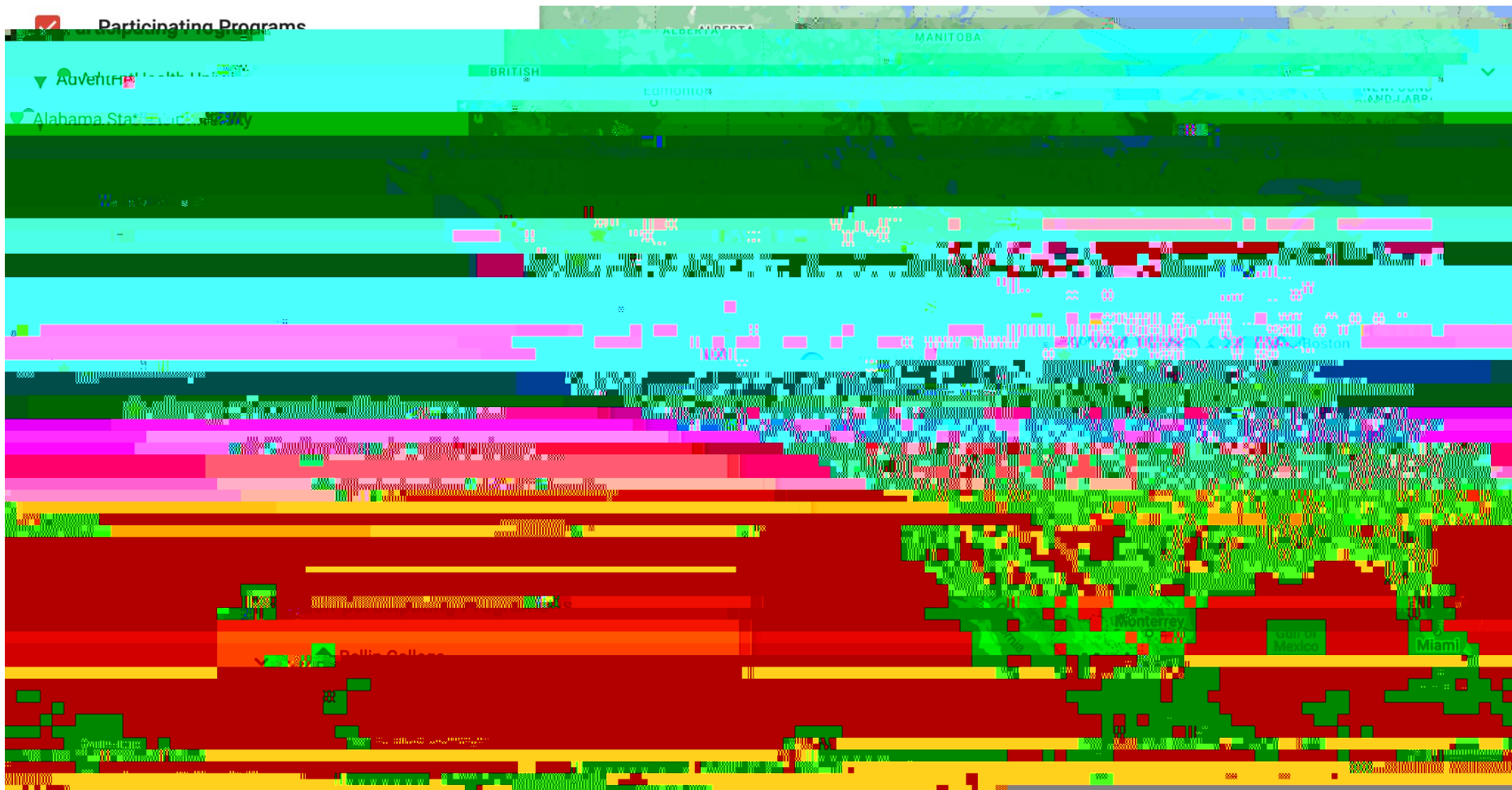
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Map of Programs

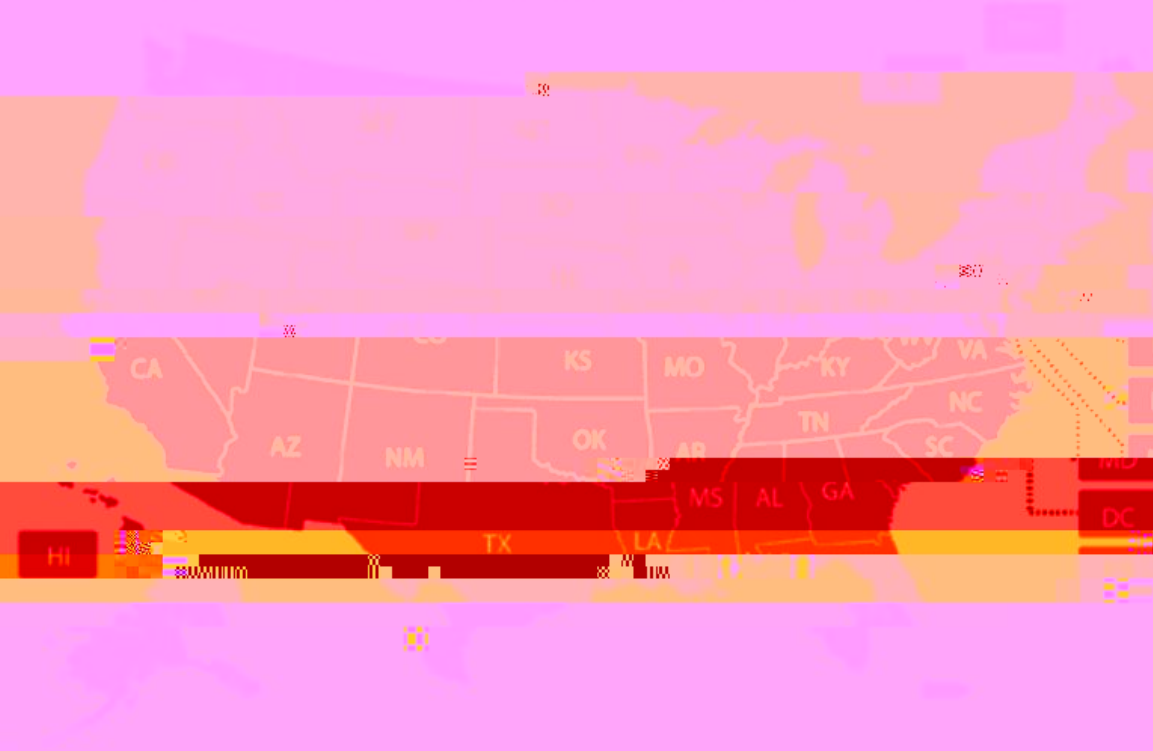


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Accredited PT & PTA Programs Directory

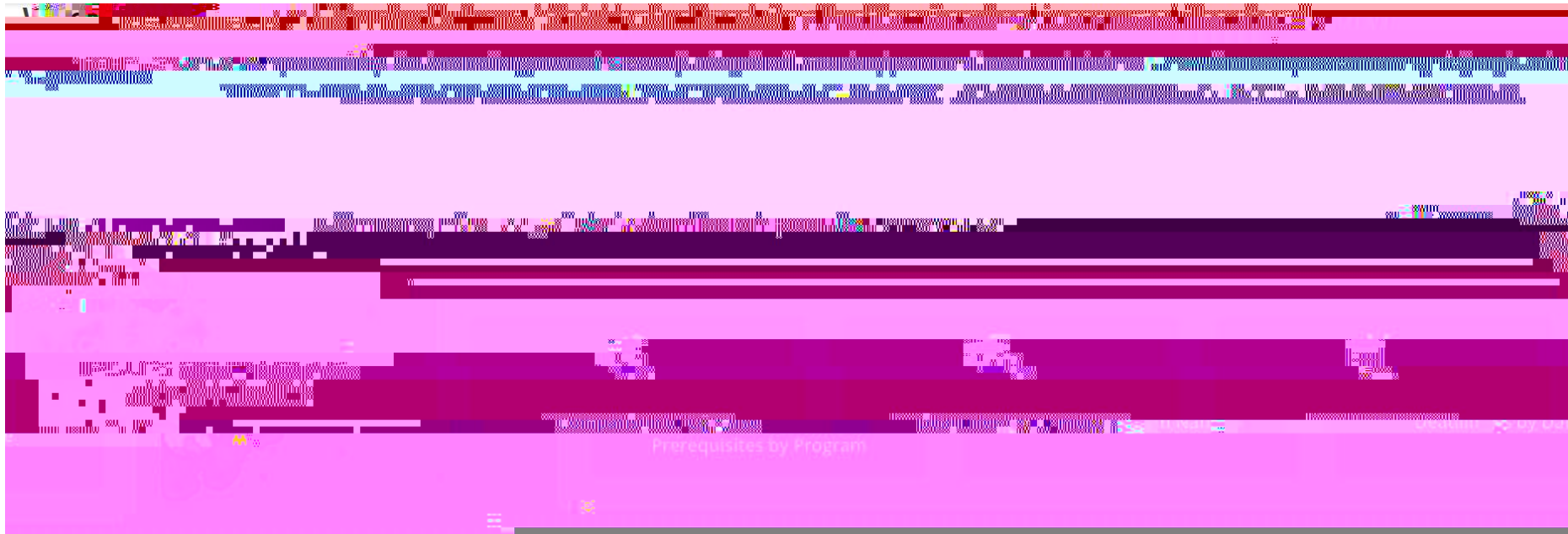
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Filter by: All Online Hybrid In-Person

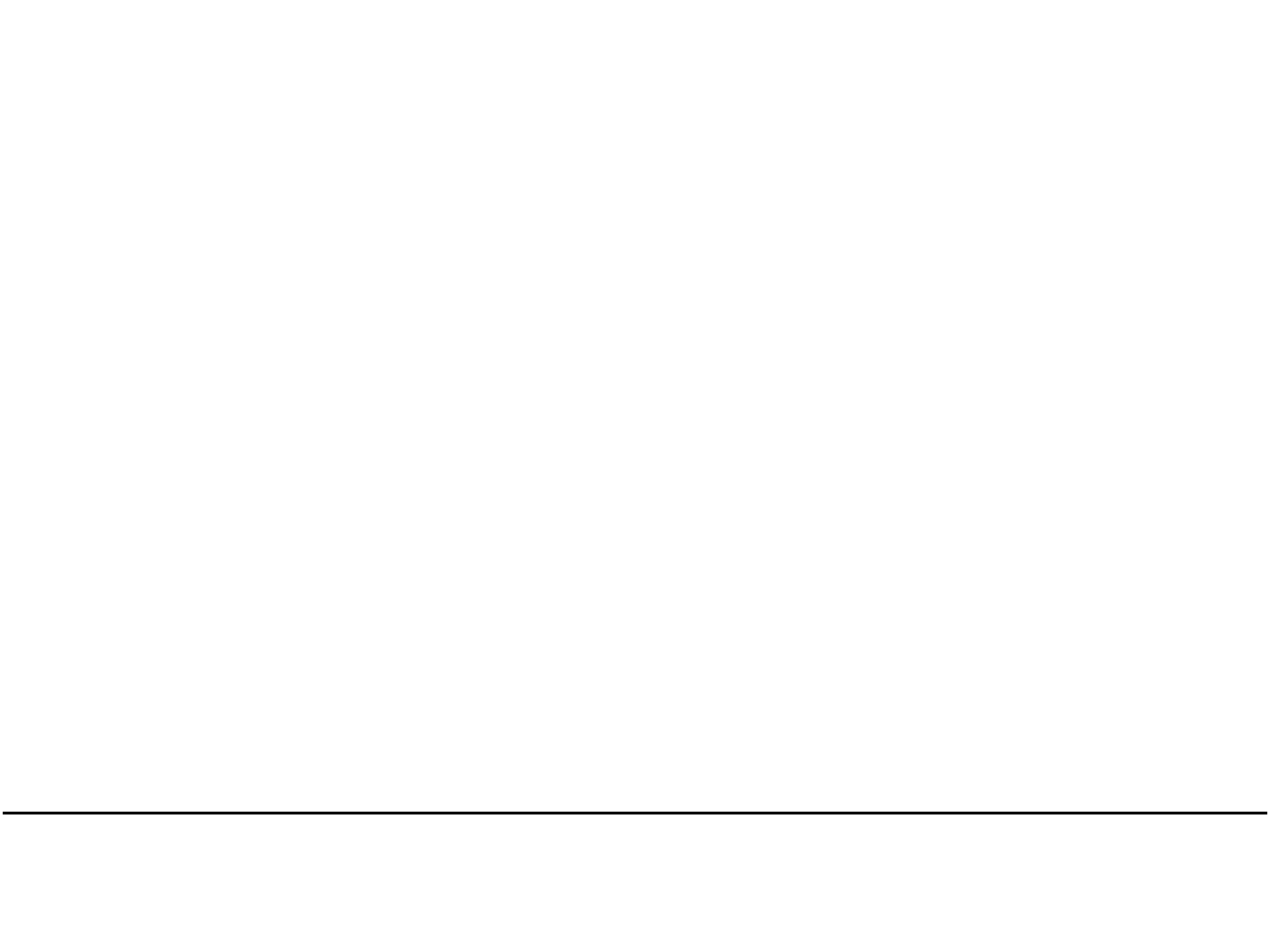


[APTA Accredited PT & PTA Programs Directory](#)





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The screenshot displays a web interface for a program's prerequisites. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo on the left and a search bar on the right. Below the navigation bar, a large heading reads "Prerequisites by Program". Underneath this heading, there are several rows of text, each representing a prerequisite requirement. A red circle highlights a specific requirement in the second row, which appears to be "MATH 101". The interface includes a search bar at the top right, a list of search results below, and a table of prerequisites at the bottom. The table has columns for "Prerequisite", "Program", and "Requirement". The highlighted requirement is "MATH 101" for the "Computer Science" program, with a requirement of "C-".



Requirements

Program

Program admission requirements

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Comparison of Course Prerequisites by Program



Deadlines by Program Name



Deadlines by Date



Observation Requirements by Program



Reference Programs by Program



Implementation

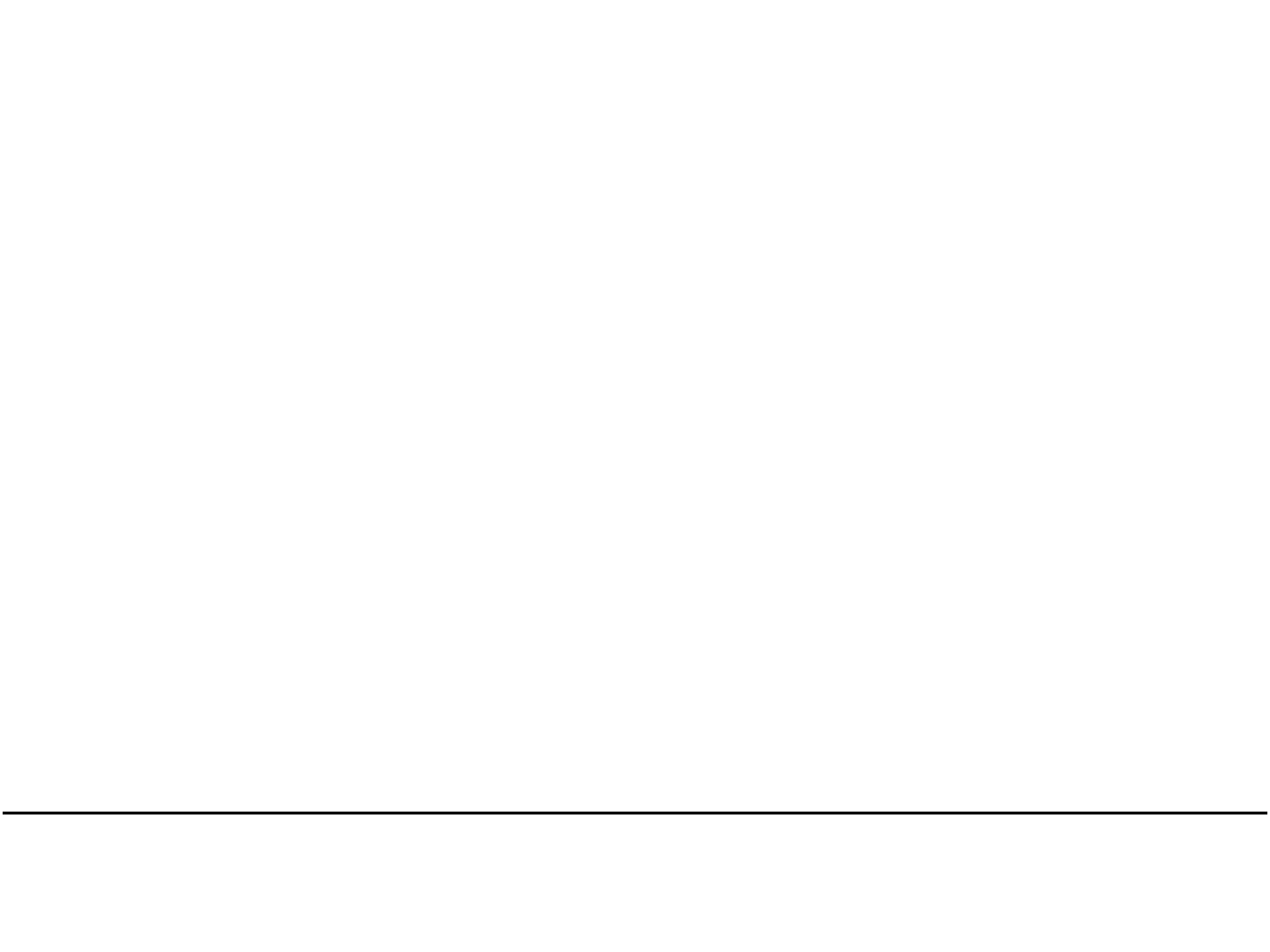


CBE Reports by Program



Total Cost of Education Comparison





Many have removed minimum observation hours

Now looking for...

“An understanding of the profession”

Consider...

Observation hours at diverse settings (in-patient, out-patient) and with diverse patient populations (ortho, neuro, pediatrics, geriatrics, etc.)

Hours can come from paid, internship, or volunteer experiences

Conveying in your personal statement your experience/understanding



References

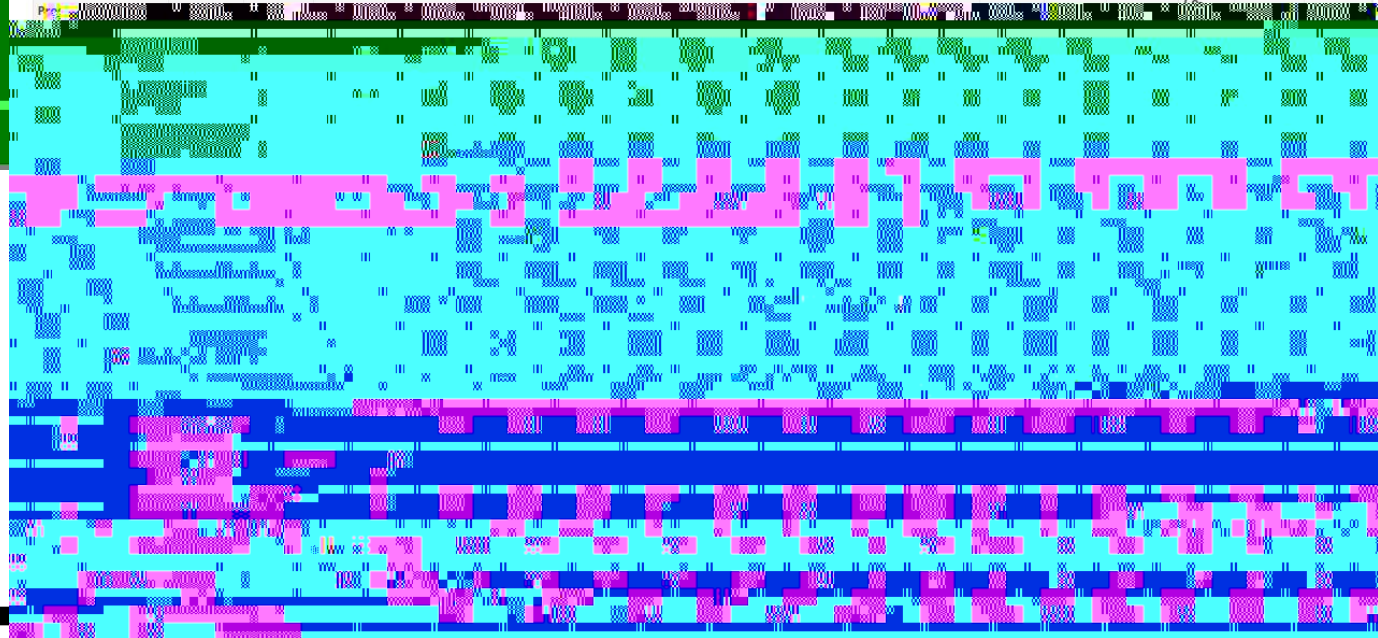
Reference Requirements by Program

Summary of Requirements

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Supplemental Fees & Application

- Yes
- Yes for selected applicants only
- No
- Not sure at this time



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GRE Requirements and Codes by Department

The screenshot shows a webpage with a table of GRE requirements and codes by department. The table is mostly obscured by a large black redaction box. The visible text includes the title "GRE Requirements and Codes by Department" and a header row with the text "Department GRE".



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Cost Comparison

Total Cost of Education Cost Comparison

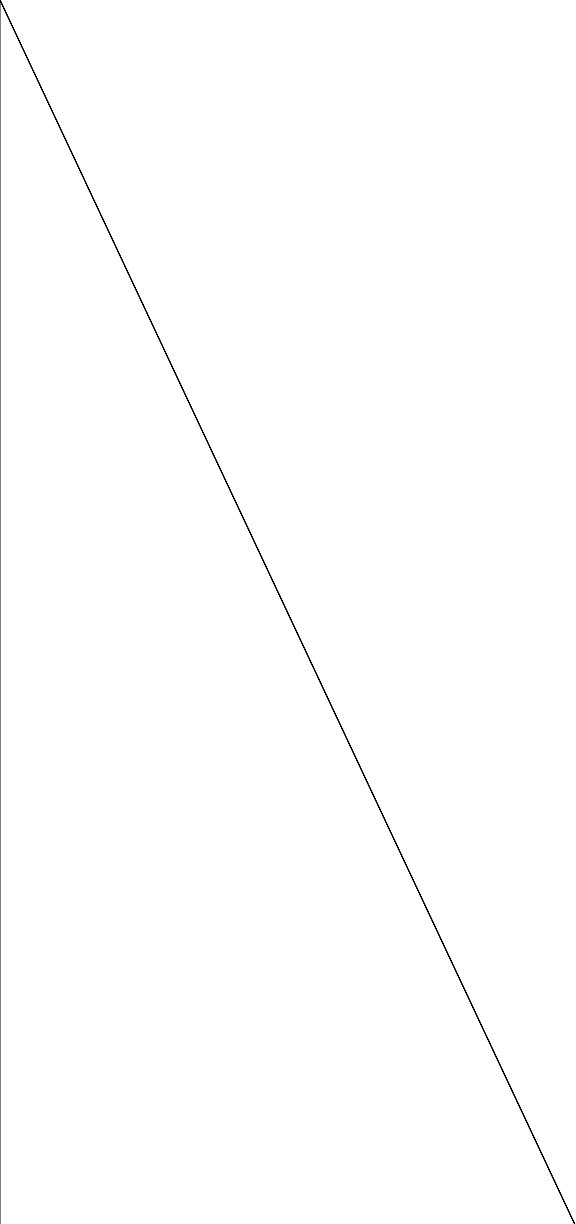
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Search: california

Program Name	State	Total Cost of Education for In-State Students	Total Cost of Education for out of State Students
California State University, Fresno	CA	\$73892	>114812
California State University, Fullerton	CA		
California State University, Long Beach	CA		
California State University, Northridge	CA		
California State University, Sacramento	CA		
University of California, Berkeley	CA	\$11,339	\$11,339
University of California, San Francisco/San Francisco State University	CA		
University of Southern California	CA	\$214828	\$214828
University of Health Sciences, California	CA		



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Suggestions

1. Search for schools that you are interested in by location etc.
2. Make a spreadsheet of all information for each school.
5. Review pre-reqs and make a plan to complete the courses no later than the Fall semester you will apply
4. Start PTCAS application EARLY
5. Understand the supplemental requirements of each school
6. Start gathering your transcripts EARLY
7. Approach Professors and Clinicians for letters

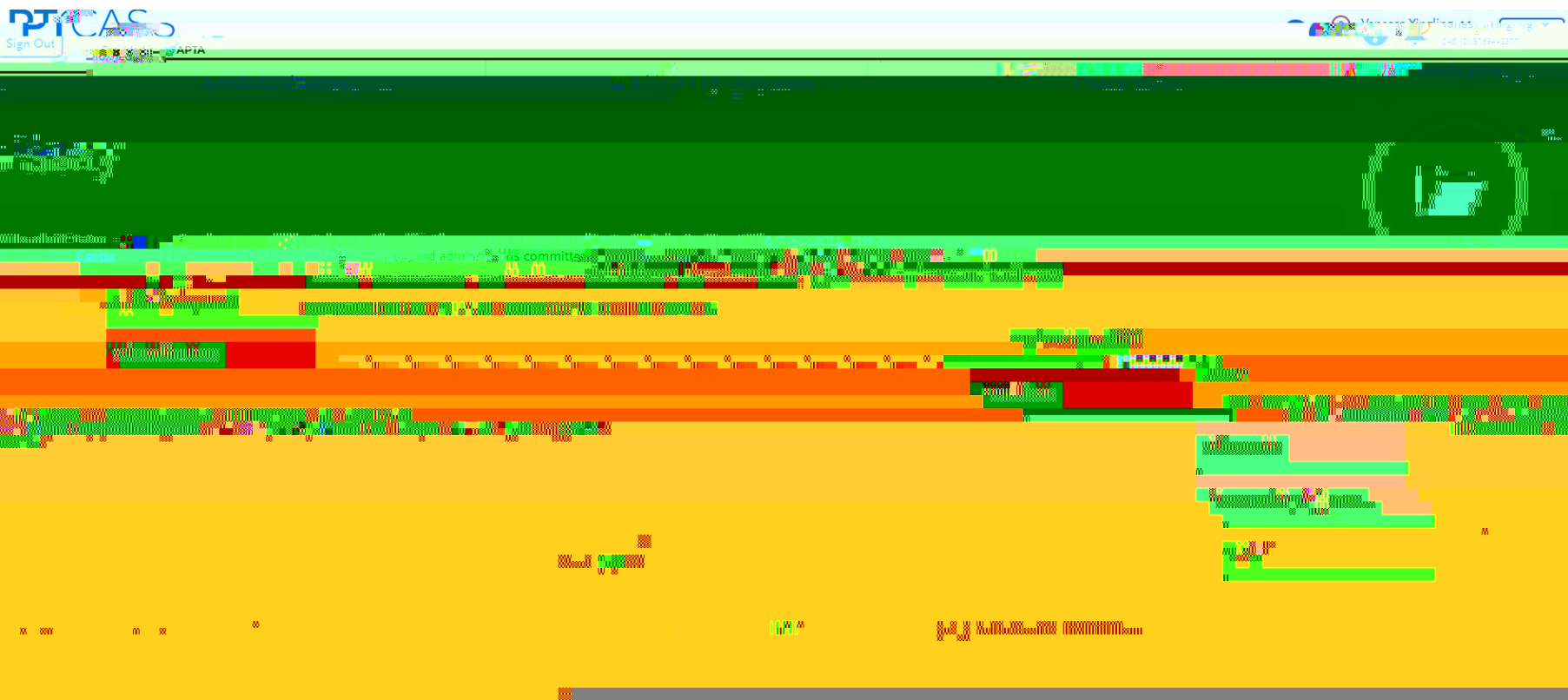


Applications: How to Start

How do I start my application on PTCAS?



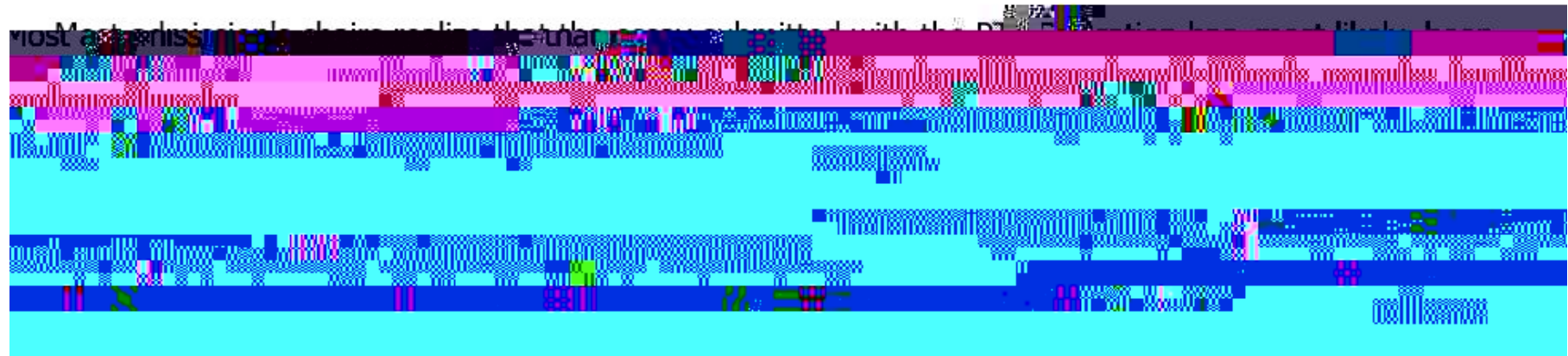
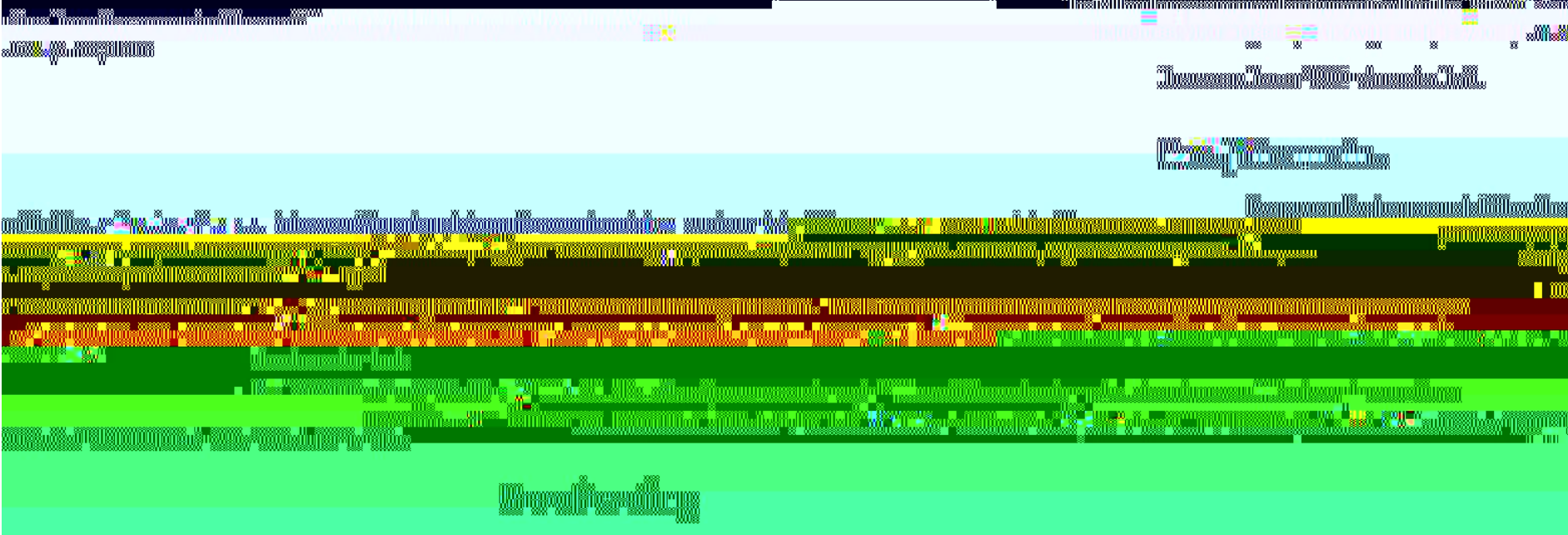


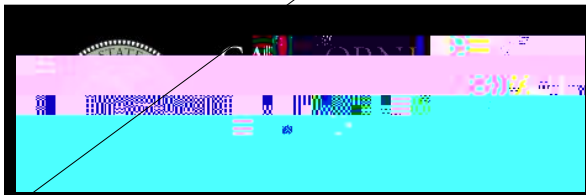


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Overview





CÁLCULATED GPA

Title

by School

Anatomy & Physiology

Biology

Chemistry

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23 different GPA calculations

23 different GPA calculations



Retaking Courses to Raise GPA

For example:

Lets say you had a nasty case of mononucleosis that kept you out of school for a semester. You graduated, and you're wondering if you should retake the physiology course. You've completed in 120 semester units, and you'll be taking a class with 100 units. If you retake the course, you'll get an A in your retaken physiology course. The professor says, "In general, if you retake a course, it may affect your GPA, but it will also show that you're a hard worker and that you're committed to your education."

If you're always try to have the best of both worlds, you should be careful with how many times you retake a class. Some schools only allow a course to be retaken once outside of class.



Professional Associations

