Area of Change: WebAdMIT
Change Topic: Applicant Deferral Process
Details: Currently in PTCAS, deferred applicants are brought forward into the new cycle as a part of the "Transfer of Settings" process completed at the start of a new cycle by the Institution Manager in WebAdMIT. Under the new process, all applicants marked with an admissions decision of "Deferred" in the previous application cycle by the date final decisions are due (September 23, 2022 for the 2021-22 application cycle) will be brought forward into the new cycle in early October each year (during the week of October 10 for the 2022-23 application cycle).

Area of Change: Application Content
Change Topic: Program-Specific References
Details: The reference section will be removed from the core PTCAS application and moved to the program materials section (Quadrant 4 of the application) to be configured by programs during the CAS Configuration Process. Programs will now need to specify the minimum number of references required and maximum number of references accepted, as well as whether or not the references must be received prior to the application being released as "complete" to the program. Reference setup must be done as a part of the CAS configurations each year and cannot be edited once the application has gone for a program.

Area of Change: Application Content
Change Topic: "Sex" Question Block Header
Details: The heading for the "Sex" question block will change to "Legal Sex".

Area of Change: Application Content
Change Topic: PTCAS Authorization and Release Statements
Details: A new line will be added to the PTCAS Authorization and Release Statements that says, "I understand that while PTCAS does not require me to provide my criminal history as a part of my application, nor does PTCAS require me to complete a criminal background check, the DPT program(s) to which I am applying may ask questions specific to their program and/or require me to undergo a criminal background check prior to or after matriculation."

Area of Change: Application Content
Change Topic: Removal of the felony conviction question from the application
Details: In response to the increase of "Ban the Box" laws being passed by individual states, the question "Have you ever been convicted of a felony?", as well as the subsequent question asking for details if the answer provided was "Yes", will be removed from the application. Programs interested in asking this question, or questions around misdemeanor convictions, may do so in the program materials section (Quadrant 4 of the application) by adding custom questions, as applicable laws and institutional policies allow.

Programs are *strongly* advised to consult with their institutional counsel on an annual basis to determine whether there are any new state-specific laws that would impact their ability to capture an applicant's criminal history prior to admissions to a health professions degree program. Please plan to consult with your counsel before the 2022-23 Configuration Portal opens for PTCAS in April 2022.

All items in the Program Materials section, including any custom questions, are the responsibility of the institution and are not reviewed by APTA or PTCAS.

Area of Change: Configuration Portal
Change Topic: New Document Upload Types: Program-Specific Document and CV/Resume
Details: Programs will now be able to add a new document upload types of "Program-Specific Document" and "CV/Resume" to the "Documents" section of the CAS Configuration Portal for applicants to upload at the time of application.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: "Soft" and "Firm" Deadlines
Details: The language for deadlines will change from "Soft Deadline" to "Priority Deadline" and "Firm Deadline" to "Final Deadline". The language will change from "If selecting a SOFT DEADLINE, select CLOSE DATE" to "If selecting a PRIORITY DEADLINE above, select a FINAL deadline date". The final deadline date will be the last date applicants will be able to submit new applications to a program. PTCAS will only display a program's "Final" deadline date on the PTCAS application. Priority deadlines will only be displayed on a program's page within the PTCAS Program Directory.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: New Deadline Date Options
Details: In addition to the regular PTCAS deadlines on the 1st and 15th of each month, starting on August 15, new deadline date options of August 1 and January 3 have been added. Deadline date options will continue to be the 1st and 15th of each month from August through May, unless that date falls on a weekend or holiday, in which case the deadline option will be the following business day.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: Add New GRE Requirement answer of "Optional"
Details: In the GRE Admissions Requirements section, for the question "Is the GRE required for admission", a new answer choice of "Optional" will be added for programs to select.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: New "Cost of Education Report"
Details: A new comparison report will be added in the "Program Prerequisites" (soon to be "Program Requirements" section) named "Total Cost of Education Comparison" with columns for the program name, program state, total in-state student cost and total out-of-state cost. While not required, programs are strongly encouraged to include the total cost of education as a part of their PTCAS Directory entry.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: Total Cost of Education added to Program Comparisons
Details: The total cost of education for in-state and out-of-state students will be added to the comparison table in the PTCAS Directory when applicants select multiple programs to compare.

Area of Change: Program Directory
Change Topic: Allow "Rolling" due date option for deposits
Details: A new question will be added to the "Application Deposit" section: "Deposits collected on a rolling basis after offer of admission made?" Additionally, a new optional question will be added after this "rolling deposit" question to allow programs to offer additional information about their deposit schedule.