



## Physical Therapist Assistant Program *Admission Criteria*

Admission into the SCC PTA Program is competitive. A maximum of 24 students will be accepted. A committee will review all submitted applications and assign points based on a pre-determined scoring rubric. This point system will be used to rank each applicant based on specific criteria (see below). The detailed point system can be found on the program webpage: <https://www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/>.

Applicants will receive points for the following items:

| Admissions Criteria  | Means of Scoring   | Maximum Points Available |
|----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Academic Performance | Points are given based on GPA (A= 4.0 pts)   | 28                       |
| Written Essay        | Rubric   | 20                       |
| Observation Hours    | Points per setting (3 settings = 2 pt; 2 settings= 1 pt; 1 setting= no extra points) | 2                        |
| Professional Resume  | Rubric   | 9                        |
| Extra Points         | Points awarded to areas completed—captured on the professional resume*               | 12                       |
|                      | Total:   | 71                       |

### **Academic Performance:**

GPA and grades earned in prerequisite courses. Points will be awarded for the highest grade earned as noted on the submitted transcripts. Applicants must have earned a 2.75 or better in science courses: Anatomy (with lab) and Physiology (with lab); and a minimum 2.5 in the remaining prerequisite courses.

- Repeated Courses: A deduction in the score is given for each course that has been taken more than 1 time.
- Unsuccessful Attempt/Withdrawal: A deduction in the score is given for each withdrawal/unsuccessful attempt with another Health Science Division Program

### **Written Essay:**

Respond to the following prompt: Why do you want to be a Physical Therapist Assistant?

Essays should be one page in length and submitted on an 8 ½ x 11, double spaced page, with one inch margins.

Essays should be typed in 12 point, Times New Roman font.

### **Job Observation Experience:**

Ten hours of job observation experiences should be completed at various locations including, but not limited to, inpatient and outpatient clinical settings, skilled nursing facilities, urban and rural locations. Job observation experiences will be documented using the Job Observation Form available online at

<https://www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/> under requirements.

### **Professional Resume:**

A professional resume is required. This must include educational history and earned degrees, institution name and addresses. \*Additional points may be given based on involvement in the community and volunteerism in health care or non-profit settings; extra-curricular activities (student organizations, athletics, student government) within the last 5 years; military service; work and career experience including but not limited to the healthcare field.

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|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Academic Performance:</b>   | Points are given based on GPA<br>(A= 4.0 points; B+= 3.5 points; B= 3.0 points; C+= 2.5 points; C= 2.0 points; D+= 1.5 points; D= 1.0 points)  |                 |                 |
| <b>Science GPA</b>   | Anatomy with lab<br>Physiology with lab  | 8               |                 |
| <b>Prerequisites GPA</b>   | College Algebra<br>Comprehensive Medical Terminology<br>Intro to Psychology<br>Composition I<br>Public Speaking  | 20              |                 |
| <b>Repeated Courses:</b><br>A deduction in score is given for each <b>science</b> course that had to be taken more than 1 time within the last 5 years | Repeated Classes: _____ x 5 points= -( )   | -( )            |                 |
| <b>Unsuccessful/Withdrawal</b><br>(in other Health Science Division (HSD) program)   | HSD Programs: _____ x 5 points= -( )   | -( )            |                 |
| <b>Written Essay:</b>  | Respond to the following prompt: Why do you want to be a Physical Therapist Assistant?<br><br><b>Essays should be one page in length and submitted on an 8 ½ x 11, double spaced page, with one inch margins. Essays should be typed in 12 point, Times New Roman font. Scored with a rubric.</b>  | 20              |                 |
| <b>Job Observation:</b><br>3 settings= 2 points<br>2 settings= 1 point<br>1 setting= no extra points   | Ten hours of job observation experiences should be completed at various locations including, but not limited to, inpatient and outpatient clinical settings, skilled nursing facility and both urban and rural locations.<br><br>Job observation experiences should be documented using the Job Observation Form available online at <a href="https://www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/">https://www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/</a> under requirements. | 2               |                 |
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|---|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Professional Resume:</b>   | Scored with a rubric   | 9               |                 |
| <i>Additional points will be given for the following: these must be included on the submitted resume with detailed information provided. The program review committee may perform random audits to verify this information.</i> |  |                 |                 |
| <b>Post-secondary degree:</b>   |  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Healthcare Experience:</b>   | PT tech/aide=5 points<br>Other (athletic trainer, CNA, or other certified health field) = 2 points | 5               |                 |
| <b>Military Experience/Veteran:</b>   |  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Study Skills Course:</b><br>(ACFS 0860)  |  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Additional Science Course</b><br>(BIOS 2460, CHEM 1050, CHEM 1090, PHYS 1150)  |  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Volunteer Experience</b>   | In the last 5 years  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Extracurricular Activities</b>   | In the last 5 years (clubs, sports, student government)  | 1               |                 |
| <b>Previous Career</b>  | Full-time career with same employer $\geq$ 5 years   | 1               |                 |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>   |  | 71              |                 |

*This point system will be used to rank each applicant based on the specific criteria. If several students have same score, the following will be looked at in this order to determine rank: Anatomy, Physiology, College Algebra, and Medical Terminology, repeat classes, repeat HSD Program. This point system is only for the current applicant pool. This system can change without notice.*

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