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SOUTHEAST  
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# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate of  
Applied Science  
Degree

LINCOLN CAMPUS

[www.southeast.edu/PhysicalTherapistAssistant](http://www.southeast.edu/PhysicalTherapistAssistant)



*Physical therapist assistants work under the direction of physical therapists and help patients of all ages recover from injuries and regain movement. This is a rewarding career where the job outlook continues to be positive.*

## Program Overview:

A physical therapist assistant helps people of all ages who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives.

The program admits up to 24 students annually. After successful completion of SCC's program, graduates are eligible to take the national examination.

During clinical education, students will have the opportunity to use classroom knowledge and laboratory skills to provide care to patients in a health care facility under the direction of a clinical instructor.

Clinical education may be outside of the Lincoln area and can include day, evening and weekend hours. Travel and lodging is the responsibility of the student.

All PTA courses are offered face-to-face and meet during the day Monday through Friday.



## Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$22.65 per hour.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org)

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## Admission Requirements:

Admission to the PTA Program is competitive. A maximum of 24 students will be accepted. A point system will be used to rank each applicant based on specific criteria. The application requirements and point system are subject to change without notice.

1. Complete and submit application to the program.
2. Complete and submit program advising sheet.
3. Completion of all program required courses and general education/support courses with required grade point average (GPA).
4. Transcripts from high school, GED®, and all other colleges or universities attended.
5. Complete and submit all program application requirements. Specific requirements include, but are not limited to the following. For all requirements, refer to [www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/](http://www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/)
  - a. Written Essay
  - b. Job-Observation Form
  - c. Professional Resume

Be sure to meet with the Health Sciences Advisor and check application dates and deadlines before applying.

## General Education Requirements:

Oral Communications (select one)	4.5
*SPCH1110 Public Speaking <b>or</b>	
*SPCH1090 Fundamentals of Human Communications <b>or</b>	
*SPCH2810 Business & Professional Communications	
Written Communications (select one)	4.5
*ENGL1010 English Composition I <b>or</b>	
*ENGL1020 English Composition II <b>or</b>	
*ENGL1110 Business Communication	
Mathematics	4.5
*MATH1150 College Algebra or higher	
Science	12.0
*BIOS1140 Human Anatomy w/Lab <b>and</b>	
*BIOS2130 Human Physiology w/Lab	
<b>OR</b>	
*BIOS2250 Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab <b>and</b>	
*BIOS2260 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	
Additional Courses:	
MEDA1101 Basic Medical Terminology <b>or</b>	2.0
HLTH1060 Comprehensive Medical Terminology	4.5
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	4.5
*PSYC1810 Introduction to Psychology <b>or</b>	
*PSYC2960 Lifespan Human Development	

**32.0 hours**

\*Meets the General Education Requirement.

## Physical Therapist Assistant Core Courses:

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
PTAS1100	Intro to Physical Therapy	4.5
PTAS1101	Kinesiology for PTA	6.5
**HMRS1320	Multicultural Competency <b>or</b>	
**SOCI2150	Issues of Unity and Diversity <b>or</b>	
**SOCI1020	Diversity in Society	4.5
PTAS1102	Pathophysiology for PTA	4.5
PTAS1103	Physical Therapy Skills & Exercise I with Lab	4.5
PTAS1104	Therapeutic Modalities I with Lab	4.5
PTAS1202	Physical Therapy Skills & Exercise II with Lab	6.0
PTAS1203	Therapeutic Modalities II with Lab	4.5
PTAS1204	Documentation in Clinical Services	4.0
PTAS1205	Advanced Procedures with Lab	4.5
PTAS1206	Health Systems & Issues	4.0
PTAS1207	Professional Issues	4.0
PTAS1301	Clinical Education I	4.5
PTAS1302	Clinical Education II	5.5
PTAS1303	Clinical Education III	13.5

**79.5 hours**

\*\*Course may be taken prior to admission to the program, but is not required.

## Estimated Expenses

Nebraska Resident tuition/fee rate is \$69.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition/fee rate is \$83.50 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.

Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken each quarter.

Students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.

## COSTS RELATED TO CLINICAL EDUCATION:

Students are required to provide their own transportation to and from the site. Students also are responsible for their housing, if needed, for an out-of-town site.

## FIRST QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,077
Books	591
Special Fee	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,833</b>

## SECOND QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$938
Books	292
Special Fee	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,329</b>

## THIRD QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,321
Books	232
Special Fee	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,638</b>

## FOURTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,251
Special Fee	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,271</b>

## FIFTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$938
Special Fee	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,238</b>

**Total Estimate For Program \$7,309**

## ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPENSES:

PTA Licensure Exam	\$470
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## Special Program Requirements:

1. All students must receive a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 in the general education courses and a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in the science courses.
2. Science courses include Anatomy and Physiology. General education courses include oral communication, written communication, math, social science, computer technology and related courses required by the program, such as Medical Terminology.
3. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by the American Heart Association (required prior to clinical education PTAS 1301).
4. Submit completed Health Statement to the Health Sciences Division (when requested by program faculty).
5. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the background check, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC.
6. Please note: Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license. (Contact the State Licensing Board if there are questions).
7. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Seasonal flu immunization is required.
8. All PTAS courses must be completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress through the program (and must be taken in sequence.)
9. Complete program orientation.
10. Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last five years.
11. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted healthcare facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation.