PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Lincoln Campus

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.

Why SCC?
The Physical Therapist Assistant program allows students to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom to the hands-on lab that simulates a facility in the industry. Our program provides students with the knowledge and skills to be successful on the national licensure board exam. Also, our classes are smaller so students receive more one-on-one attention.

Program Overview
A physical therapist assistant helps people who have medical problems or other health-related conditions that limit their ability to move and perform functional activities in their daily lives. After successful completion of the 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.

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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; website: www.capteonline.org

Southeast Community College was my first choice when deciding to continue my education. I was ecstatic to find out they had the PTA program. It fit my dream job and lifestyle. On top of having a supportive network of instructors and peers, SCC allowed me to graduate in my hometown and the place where I grew up.

- Andrea Thorne, PTA
Lincoln Orthopedic Physical Therapy

Top Career Options
- Physical Therapist Assistant

Graduate Earnings
Recent graduates report an average starting wage of $22.41 per hour.

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour
Nebraska Resident $108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate $129

Estimated Expenses
Tuition/Fees $ 7236
Books 1115
Special Fees 1139
Tools/Supplies 85

Total: $9,490
Types of jobs available

Physical therapist assistants work in a variety of settings: outpatient clinics; hospitals; inpatient rehabilitation facilities; skilled nursing, extended care, or sub-acute facilities; homes; education or research centers; schools; industrial, workplace or other occupational environments; fitness centers and sports training facilities.

Care provided by a PTA includes teaching patients/clients exercise for mobility, strength, coordination, balance, training for functional activities of daily living, and the use of physical agents and electrotherapy such as ultrasound and electrical stimulation.

Basic Info

• The program admits up to 24 new students annually. Classes begin in the Fall semester.
• All PTA courses are offered face-to-face and meet Monday through Friday.
• Test and/or class learning activities may be scheduled outside of class time.
• Students will complete three clinical education experiences at pre-approved clinical sites.
• Clinical education will include sites outside of the Lincoln area and can include day, evening and weekend hours. Students are responsible for their own books, fees, travel, and lodging during the classes, labs and clinical experiences.
• After successful completion of the PTA program, graduates become eligible to take the national licensure examination.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the PTA Program is selective. The admission checklist and criteria can be found on the program website: www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/

Admission requirements include:
1. Complete and submit online Health Science application to the program.
2. Completion of all program required courses and general education/support courses with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher.
3. Transcripts from high school, GED®, and all other colleges or universities attended.
4. Submit completed Health Statement to the Health Sciences Division prior to the second semester in the program.
5. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Seasonal flu vaccination may be required. Students must have completed the seasonal flu vaccination prior to the second semester.
6. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by the American Heart Association (required prior to clinical education PTAS 1301).
7. All PTAS courses must be completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress in the program.
8. Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last five years of application to the program.
9. Submit completed Health Statement to Health Sciences Division prior to the second semester.
10. 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. Please note: Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a student from acquiring a state license. (Contact the State Licensing Board if you have questions.)
11. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Seasonal flu immunization is required.
12. All PTAS courses must be completed with a grade of 75% (C+) or higher to progress in the program.
13. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by the American Heart Association (required prior to clinical education PTAS 1301).
14. 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. SCC will assess a non-refundable fee of $35 to student account.
15. Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last five years of application to the program.

Special Program Requirements

-Adrian Brandt, PTA
Lincoln Orthopedic Physical Therapy