



Associate of Applied Science Degree

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:
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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.



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.

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

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.

PTAs must complete an associate degree and be licensed, certified, or registered in most states.

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 required grade point average (GPA).
3. Transcripts from high school, GED®, and all other colleges or universities attended.
4. Complete and submit all program admission checklist and criteria including but not limited to the Job Observation Form found online.
For more information, refer to www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/

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

I picked Southeast Community College initially because of location and the affordable price. As I entered the program I appreciated the contrast of two excellent full-time professors balanced with guest lecturers who taught on specialty subjects. SCC did a great job of pushing me to learn all the topics necessary to pass my board exam, along with preparing me to apply for a job in any physical therapy field. I would highly recommend anyone to pursue their PTA degree at Southeast Community College.



-Adrian Brandt, PTA
Lincoln Orthopedic Physical Therapy

General Education Requirements

Oral Communications		3.0
*SPCH1110	Public Speaking or	
*SPCH1090	Fundamentals of Human Communications or	
*SPCH2810	Business & Professional Communications	
Written Communications		3.0
*ENGL1010	English Composition I or	
*ENGL1020	English Composition II or	
*ENGL1110	Business Communications	
Mathematics		3.0
ACCUPLACER	Elementary Algebra score 57 or	
NGACC QAS	score 246-260	
COMPASS	Algebra score of 36-99	
ACT	score of 19	
SAT	score of 480-530	
ASSET	College Algebra score of 33-37	
or		
*MATH1040	or higher; MATH1050 Thinking Mathematically	
(MATH1100	Intermediate Algebra is highly recommended)	
Science		8.0
*BIOS1140	Human Anatomy w/Lab and	
*BIOS2130	Human Physiology w/Lab	
OR		
*BIOS2250	Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab and	
*BIOS2260	Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	
Additional Courses:		
MEDA1101	Basic Medical Terminology or	1.0
HLTH1060	Comprehensive Medical Terminology	3.0
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		3.0
*PSYC1810	Introduction to Psychology or	
*PSYC2960	Lifespan Human Development	
		18.0 (21) hours

*Meets the General Education Requirement.

Physical Therapist Assistant Core Courses

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
PTAS1101	Kinesiology for PTA	4.0
PTAS1110	Musculoskeletal Conditions & Rehabilitation	4.0
PTAS1112	Intro to Physical Therapy and Patient Care	4.0
PTAS1208	PTA Seminar 1	3.0
PTAS1209	Neurological Conditions & Rehabilitation	5.0
PTAS1210	Physical Agents	5.0
PTAS1301	Clinical Education 1	3.0
PTAS1304	Advanced Conditions & Rehabilitation	4.0
PTAS1305	Contemporary Trends in Physical Therapy	3.0
PTAS1302	Clinical Education 2	6.0
PTAS1306	PTA Seminar 2	2.0
PTAS1303	Clinical Education 3	6.0
		49.0 hours

Special Program Requirements

1. All students must receive a cumulative minimum grade-point average of 2.5 in the general education courses and a minimum cumulative GPA 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 programs, 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 prior to the second semester in the program.
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. Please note: Misdemeanor or felony convictions may prevent a graduate from acquiring a state license. (Contact the State Licensing Board if there are questions.)
6. A two-step skin test for tuberculosis and/or a chest X-ray are required. Seasonal flu immunization is required.
7. 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.)
8. Complete program orientation.
9. Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last five years of application to the program.
10. 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.

