



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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.

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 \$22.85 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

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Admission Requirements:

Admission to the PTA program is very 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.

Admission requirements include:

1. Complete and submitted application to the program.
2. Complete and submitted program advising sheet.
3. Completion of all program prerequisites and general education/support courses with required grade-point average.
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.
 - a. Written Essay
 - b. Job-Observation Form
 - c. Professional Resume

For all requirements, refer to

www.southeast.edu/physicaltherapistassistant/

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

Prerequisite General Education Requirements:

Oral Communications	4.5
* SPCH1110 Public Speaking or	
* SPCH1090 Fundamentals of Human Communications or	
* SPCH2810 Business & Professional Communications	
Written Communications	4.5
*ENGL1010 English Composition I or higher	
Mathematics	4.5
*MATH1150 College Algebra or higher	
Science	12.0
*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 Science course	4.5
HLTH1060 Comprehensive Medical Terminology	
Social Science	4.5
*PSYC1810 Introduction to Psychology or higher	

34.5 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 or	
**SOC12150	Issues of Unity and Diversity or	
**SOC11020	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 not required.

Estimated Expenses

To determine overall costs, students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.

Nebraska Resident tuition rate is \$65.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$79.50 per credit hour.

Student fee is \$2 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.

Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Quarterly tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken.

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	\$1,097
Books	567
Special Fee	15
Total	\$1,764

SECOND QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$912
Books	279
Total	\$1,191

THIRD QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,283
Books	237
Special Fee	85
Total	\$1,605

FOURTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,215
Special Fee	218
Total	\$1,433

FIFTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$912
Special Fee	300
Total	\$1,212

Total Estimate For Program \$7,205

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPENSES:

PTA Licensure Exam	\$470
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Special Program Requirements:

1. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 in the general education courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.75 in the science courses.
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.
2. A current Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Health Care Provider (HCP) by the American Heart Association (required prior to clinical education PTAS 1301)
3. Submit completed Health Statement to the Health Sciences Division (when requested by program faculty.)
4. A Criminal Background Check is 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.
5. 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. Seasonal flu immunization.
7. Complete all PTAS courses 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.
10. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation at a contracted health care facility will submit to initial drug and alcohol testing prior to the first clinical rotation.