



# PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Associate of Applied Science Degree

LINCOLN CAMPUS

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*Physical therapist assistants, also called PTAs, work under the direction of physical therapists and help patients recover from injuries and regain movement. This is a rewarding career where the job outlook continues to grow as baby boomers age.*

## 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 PTA 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 \$19.85 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](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: [www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org)

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## Admission Requirements:

1. Application to the program
2. Completion of all program prerequisite course with required GPA
3. Submission of program advising sheet
4. Transcripts from HS, GED® or other colleges (if applicable)

## Prerequisite General Education Requirements:

Oral Communications	4.5
*SPCH1110 Public Speaking <b>or</b>	
* SPCH1090 Fundamentals of Human Communications <b>or</b>	
* 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 <b>and</b>	
*BIOS2130 Human Physiology w/Lab	
<b>OR</b>	
*BIOS1210 Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab <b>and</b>	
*BIOS1220 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	
**SOCI2150	Issues of Unity and Diversity or	
**SOCH1020	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 \$61.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$75.50 per credit hour.

Student fee is \$1.50 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 are also responsible for their housing, if needed, for an out-of-town site.

### FIRST QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$977
Books	517
Special Fee	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,649</b>

### SECOND QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$851
Books	279
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,130</b>

### THIRD QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,197
Books	237
Special Fee	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,519</b>

### FOURTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$1,134
Special Fee	235
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,369</b>

### FIFTH QUARTER EXPENSES

Tuition And Fees	\$851
Special Fee	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,151</b>
<b>Total Estimate For Program</b>	<b>\$6,818</b>

### 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 programs, such as Medical Terminology.
3. A current American Heart Association BLS for the Healthcare Provider CPR card. (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. Flu immunization may be required.
8. All PTAS courses 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. Complete 10 hours of job observation and submit job-observation form (when requested by program faculty).
11. Anatomy and Physiology completed within the last five years.
12. Students admitted to a Health Sciences program at Southeast Community College requiring a clinical rotation will take initial drug and alcohol tests prior to the first clinical rotation.