Physical Therapist Assistant
The science of healing. The art of compassion.

WHY SLCC?
The Physical Therapist Assistant is a healthcare provider working with individuals and their families under the supervision of a Physical Therapist in providing client care by applying a variety of therapy treatments in different healthcare settings. Treatment techniques include therapeutic exercises, heat, cold, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy, traction and massage. The Physical Therapist Assistant will be involved in modification of treatment programs, client/family education and discharge planning under the direction of a Physical Therapist. Healthcare settings where a Physical Therapist Assistant may work include hospitals, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centers, outpatient facilities, sports medicine clinics, work hardening programs, schools and homes.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. The program consists of four semesters of Physical Therapist Assistant coursework in addition to six prerequisite courses. Graduates must pass a national exam in order to be licensed and employed in the state of Utah.

In addition to regular studies, students participate in the on-site SLCC “pro-bono” clinic, providing therapy to need-based individuals and others from the community.

Visit the School of Health Sciences Admissions for requirements: slcc.edu/hs/admissions

Visit the Physical Therapist Assistant website for more information at: slcc.edu/ptassistant

CAREERS & SALARY
Median Average Hourly Wage: $25.30 jobs.utah.gov

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
Four semesters

56 Program Credits
17 Prerequisite Credits

73 Total Credits

PROGRAM COST
Approximately $10,000
Regular Tuition and Fees:
slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx

MORE INFORMATION
Division of Health Professions
801-957-6200
Physical Therapist Assistant Academic Advisor
801-957-6215
slcc.edu/ptassistant

*Disclaimer: Although every attempt is made to make sure information on this sheet is correct, information is subject to change. Please consult the website for the latest information.
ADMISSION PROCESS
• Be admitted to SLCC as a matriculated student.
• Request an official evaluation of student’s transcripts and submit to the SLCC Incoming Transcript Office, if applicable.
• Application information including prerequisites, transcripts, deadlines, Health Sciences pre-admission exam and proctored essay can be found at: slcc.edu/hs/admissions

PREREQUISITES
Note: All prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program. The following prerequisites must be completed with a C grade or better:
• PSY 1100 Human Growth/Dev Across the Lifespan*(SS) (3)
• ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing** (EN) (3)
• MATH 1040 (QL)(3) or Math 1050*** (4)
The following prerequisites must be completed with a B grade or better within the past five years.
• BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4)
• PTA 1010 Intro to Physical Therapy (2)
• PTA 1500 Practice Issues for the PTA* (2)

*Offered online
**ACT/SAT/Accuplacer exam placement into ENGL 1010 or above.
***ACT/SAT/Accuplacer exam placement into MATH 1010 or above.

It is the student’s responsibility to examine each course description for details of other prerequisite courses, if any.

THE CURRICULUM
The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program provides both general and technical education. The program consists of four semesters of Physical Therapist Assistant coursework in addition to the prerequisite courses.
Upon successful completion, graduates are awarded an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Graduates are able to sit for the national examination for physical therapist assistants, which is required for licensure in all states.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
• One cohort of 24 students is admitted each fall semester.
• Accepted students must take the PTA courses in the order outlined in the curriculum. To remain in the program, students must complete the PTA courses with a C (77%) grade or better in each required course.
• All PTA courses are taught during the day.
• Students may come in contact with blood-borne pathogens and infectious diseases and all students in the PTA program must follow proper OSHA procedures and practice universal precautions.
• Accepted students are required to attend the mandatory new student orientation day.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Salt Lake Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association.

CAPTE
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Email: accreditation@apta.org
Website: capteonline.org

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