

Physical Therapist Assistant

Fall 2027 Cohort | Selective Admissions Requirements

Before you apply

Complete all prerequisites or ensure current-course grades are posted by the application deadline, verify transfer credit, complete the HESI exam, and gather every supporting document.

1. Complete the prerequisites

All prerequisites must be completed before applying, or official grades for courses in progress must be posted to SLCC DegreeWorks before the application deadline.

- BIOL 2320/2325 and PTA 1010 require a B grade or higher.
- All other prerequisites require a C grade or higher.
- PTA 1010 is limited to three attempts within seven years before program start.
- BIOL 2320/2325 is limited to three attempts within five years before program start.

Course	Requirement	Credits
Any Composition (EN) course*	Written composition	3
MATH 1040 or higher	Introduction to Statistics	3-4
BIOL 2320 & 2325	Human Anatomy and Anatomy Lab	4
PSY 1100 or FHS 1500	Lifespan Growth and Development	3
PTA 1010	Introduction to Physical Therapy	3
HS 1100	Medical Terminology	3

*APA referencing section is highly suggested.

Prerequisite courses account for up to 40% of the overall admissions score: 12% overall GPA and 28% science courses, including PTA 1010 and BIOL 2320/2325.

2. If you have transfer credit

- Have [transcripts evaluated](#) by the SLCC Transfer Evaluation Office.
- Ensure transfer credit is fully evaluated before the priority or final application deadline.
- Confirm grades are posted in SLCC DegreeWorks. Transcript evaluation can take several weeks.
- You may submit application materials while transfer courses are being evaluated, but grades must be available before the deadline.
- Declare Healthcare Sciences as the Area of Study and Physical Therapist Assistant as the Program of Study.

3. Upload proof of high school completion

Upload proof of high school graduation or a GED. Documentation may include a transcript, diploma, or a letter of explanation if supporting documentation is unavailable.

4. Upload Physical Therapist Assistant Essential Functions Form

Please review the document carefully, by signing you are vouching that you possess the required [essential functions](#) to successfully perform, duties within the program.

5. Complete the HESI exam

The HESI Health Sciences Pre-Admission Exam accounts for up to 14% of the overall admissions score.

- Schedule the exam at least one week in advance.
- A minimum overall score of 75% is required.
- You may retake the exam after a two-week remediation period.
- The exam may be taken up to three times and scores do not expire.
- Testing at an SLCC Testing Center is highly encouraged. Exceptions cannot be made for technical problems with exams proctored elsewhere.

Testing information: [Schedule the HESI exam](#)

6. Optional items for additional consideration

Applicants who meet all program requirements may receive additional consideration for documented experience or status.

AHEC, MA, CNA, or LMT

AHEC graduation, MA or CNA certification completed within the last five years, or an LMT degree accounts for 5% of the overall admissions score. Upload certification or degree documentation.

Community engagement

One unpaid volunteer community engagement experience may account for 4% of the overall admissions score.

- Occurred within the last five years and after high school graduation.
- Completed in Utah.
- Unpaid and without reward.
- Continual service and service with underserved groups are encouraged.
- Only one experience will be considered.

Upload a mentor recommendation letter describing the type of service, location, and length of commitment.

Previous degree

An associate or bachelor degree posted on an official transcript accounts for 4% of the overall admissions score.

Veteran status

Veteran status verified through the Veterans Services Office accounts for 5% of the overall admissions score.

Upload before submitting

Upload every document or item you want considered before submitting. Additional documentation cannot be considered afterward.

7. Apply online

New applicants: [Register for the Health Sciences admissions portal](#)

Returning applicants: [Sign in to the Health Sciences admissions portal](#)

8. Complete the interview

A Standardized Video Interview (SVI) is completed online after application submission. The SVI accounts for up to 28% of the overall admissions score.

- A link to complete the SVI will be sent within five business days after the application is received.

Learn more: [Listen to the SVI preparation podcast](#)