

Fall 2024 Cohort Selective Admissions Requirements

All prerequisites must be completed before applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program, or if currently enrolled in a prerequisite course, official grades must be posted to your SLCC Degree Works transcript before the application deadline. If you are waiting for transfer courses to be evaluated, you can submit your application materials and then admissions will add the grades once they are available prior to the application deadline.

The courses listed below must be completed with a C grade or better except for BIOL 2320 / BIOL 2325 and PTA 1010, which must be completed with a B grade or better. Courses below do not have a time frame or attempt restrictions except for (1) PTA 1010 is limited to **three attempts** within **seven years** prior to the start of the program and BIOL 2320/ BIOL 2325 is limited to **three attempts** within five years prior to the start of the program.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
Any Composition (EN) Course*		3
MATH 1040 or higher	Intro to Statistics	3 - 4
BIOL 2320 & 2325	Human Anatomy and Anatomy Lab	4
PSY 1100 or	Lifespan Growth & Develop	3 Or
FHS 1500	Family and Human Studies	3
PTA 1010	Intro to Physical Therapy	3
HS 1100	Medical Terminology	3

*APA Referencing section highly suggested.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT TRANSFER CREDIT

- It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure their transfer credit has been fully transferred to SLCC prior to the program's application deadlines.
- If a student has courses they are transferring from another school, their transcripts must be evaluated by the SLCC Transfer Evaluation Office and their **grades must be posted to**

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SLCC DegreeWorks (their MySLCC account), before the program's application deadline (priority and final application deadlines apply). IT CAN TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR TRANSCRIPTS TO BE EVALUATED.

- Students should declare Health Sciences as their Area of Study and Physical Therapist Assistant as the Program of Study when applying to SLCC. If the program of study does not match the information submitted on the transfer evaluation request, courses applicable to the program may not be transferred to SLCC.

VERIFICATION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION OR EQUIVALENT (GED)

Verification of high school graduation or equivalent (GED) will be required before the (program) admissions deadline. Send official high school transcripts to HighSchoolTranscripts@slcc.edu.

HESI HEALTH SCIENCES PRE-ADMISSION EXAM

- Tests must be scheduled at least **one week** in advance.
- You must pass with a **minimum overall score of 75%**.
- To raise your score, you may retake the exam after a two-week remediation period. You may take the exam a total of three times with no expiration date.

[Schedule HESI Exam](#)

ESSAY

The essay is required for admissions purposes and will be part of the application process. Each applicant must email an electronic copy of their essay to the Health Sciences Admissions Office at healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu by the program's application deadline.

Directions:

Please complete a short essay/reflection on the following topic:

Since there are a variety of health professions that serve others, please go beyond your initial interaction or experiences with physical therapy and share the deeper story that has confirmed your decision to pursue an education which will prepare you for a career as a physical therapist assistant.

Use examples that illustrate your passion for the field, your preparation to enter a rigorous educational program and profession, and the characteristics you expect to develop to become an excellent physical therapist assistant.

- Formatting:
 - Microsoft Word
 - Times New Roman font

- Font size 12
- Double spaced
- 1inch margins
- 1-2 pages in length
- Minimum word count 350, Maximum word count 700 words
- Content will be graded by PTA faculty using a rubric considering the following factors:
 - Grammar, punctuation, spelling
 - Content
 - Structure and organization
- Helpful hints:
 - Must be written in full sentences
 - Should include introduction and summary statements
 - Utilize Physical Therapy professional language where appropriate
 - This is your chance to tell us what you know and who you are, so be as specific as possible
 - Use one or more examples to support your statements

PREFERRED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Applicants who submit documentation showing the following experiences may be given extra consideration for the program if they have fulfilled all the program application requirements.

- **Graduated from an AHEC program or completed a MA or CNA certification within the last five years or LMT degree** – Must submit certification or degree documentation.
- **Community Engagement** - Applicants that have demonstrated a willingness to serve others through volunteer community engagement will receive additional consideration on their application. Community engagement can be volunteering at food banks, homeless shelters, emergency assistance programs, neighborhood cleanup programs, etc.

Community Engagement Criteria:

- Engagement should have occurred within the last five years and since high school graduation
- Must be performed within the state of Utah
- Continual experiences encouraged
- Must be served without payment or reward
- Service engagement with underserved groups or populations is encouraged
- Only one experience will be considered for the application

Submit a letter of recommendation from the mentor that supervised community engagement to healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu. The letter should discuss type of service, length of time committed to serving and where service was performed.