

School of Health Sciences
Physical Therapist Assistant-Associate of Applied Science
Admission Criteria for Fall 2022



Applicants are selected annually using a merit-based/competitive admission process. Application does not guarantee admission. Please see the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#) for current application information. Review [this video](#) for an overview of the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

SLCC ADMISSIONS PROCESS

[Apply to SLCC](#) as a degree seeking student and declare Health Sciences as your Area of Study, and Physical Therapist Assistant as the Program of Study. Due to the selective admission process, you will be declared as a Pre-Medical Health Sciences-AS student.

1. High School Graduate or equivalent (GED).
2. For transfer credit, complete all the required steps in the [SLCC Transfer Evaluation process](#). Be sure to submit transcripts for ALL colleges and universities where prerequisite coursework has been completed. *This process may take 4-6 weeks and must be completed before a student's application will be considered.*
3. Complete [SLCC Placement Process](#) or submit current SAT/ACT test scores if MATH and ENGL course work have not been transferred to SLCC.
4. Schedule an appointment with your [PTA Academic Advisor online](#) or call 801-957-6215. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with their PTA advisor.
5. ALL communication will be through BruinMail.

PTA PROGRAM ADMISSION PROCESS

Items 1 and 2 must be completed **before** applying to the program. Item 4 (Proctored Essay) will be completed **after** students submit their application on the designated date.

1. Prerequisite Courses

The following prerequisites require a C or better, have no time limit and can only be taken twice within a 5-year time period.

COURSE	TITLE	CR	PREREQUISITE
ENGL 1010	Intro to Writing (EN)	3	ENGL 0990 w/ a C or better or appropriate course placement. Students are encouraged to learn/use APA referencing style in ENGL 1010.
MATH 1045 or MATH 1040 or MATH 1050 or higher	Intro to Statistics with Integrated Algebra (QL)	4- 3	MATH 1045: ENGL 0990 w/ C grade or better or appropriate course placement. See Catalog for prerequisites for other math options.
PSY 1100	Human Growth & Dev (SS)	3	
MA 1100	Medical Terminology	3	

The following prerequisites must be completed with a B or better within the past 5 years and can only be taken twice within a 5-year time period.

COURSE	TITLE	CR	PREREQUISITE
BIOL 2320/ BIOL 2325	Human Anatomy w/Lab	4	BIOL 1610 w/C grade or better. Students who have not taken BIOL 1610 previously must take BIOL 1615 concurrently.
PTA 1010	Intro to Physical Therapy	2	

NOTE: All prerequisites must be completed with the minimum grades BEFORE applying to the Physical Therapist Assistant program. See application deadline. Depending on the student's academic preparation, additional prerequisite courses may be required. It is the student's responsibility to examine each course description for details of other prerequisite classes. Contact PTA Academic Advisor to see how AP scores are calculated in the admissions process.

2. HESI Exam

Students must complete the Pre-Admission Assessment Test. A **minimum overall score of 75% is required**. Test scores are valid for **2 years**. There is a **2-attempt limit within that time period**. Students are required to wait for a minimum of 2 weeks before the 2nd attempt. The **highest score** of the two attempts will be used; there is no averaging of the two scores. The areas tested include: Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Math, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, and Vocabulary. A Learning Style and Personality Profile are also included (for information only). Test must be scheduled at least one week in advance, so check test dates early.

Below are details on how to register:

- a. [SLCC Health Sciences Assessment Center](#): \$110 Registration Fee-price subject to change
- b. [Out of Area](#); Fee variable

Study Aides:

- HESI Admissions Exam Study Guide: SLCC Bookstores, \$43.95 (prices subject to change)
- www.test-guide.com/hesi
- <https://evolve.elsevier.com/studentlife/hesi.html>
- <https://uniontestprep.com/hesia2>
- <http://home.brainfuse.com/>
- <http://www.pocketprep.com/>

3. Apply Online

Health Sciences Online Admissions Application: To access and complete application requirements, go to MySLCC> Academics & Records> Program Admissions> Health Sciences Program Admissions.

There is a non-refundable application fee of \$25. The Physical Therapist Assistant online application will only appear on the menu during open application periods.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program accepts up to **24** students every Fall semester.

Physical Therapist Assistant Important Dates
Applications Accepted for Fall *January 15 through May 15
Proctored Essay May
Notification of Acceptance/Denial June
Orientation Information will be sent via "Full Acceptance" letter
Classes Begin August
*The School of Health Sciences may reopen the application after the established deadline if it is in the best interest of the program to do so. Please check: http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/ regularly to see if the application has been reopened. All application requirements will still need to be fulfilled for an application to be considered. Applicants that apply by the original application deadlines will take priority.

4. Proctored Essay

May 2022. Jordan Health Sciences Assessment Center. Bring picture ID.

POTENTIAL FIRST SEMESTER PREREQUISITE SCHEDULE: Based on Math & English placement and full-time enrollment			
OPTION A:		OPTION B: If placed into Math 1010/1040	
MATH 1045 Intro to Statistics w/Integrated Algebra	4	MATH 1040 Intro to Statistics	3
ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3	BIOL 1610/1615 College Biology & Lab	4
PSY 1100 Lifespan Dev or PSY 1010 General Psychology	3	ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing	3
PTA 1010 Intro to Physical Therapy	2	PTA 1010 Intro to Physical Therapy	2
Total	12	Total	12

NOTE: Sample schedule does not replace professional academic advising, individual needs may differ. Students should meet with their assigned program advisor on a regular basis.

AFTER PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance into the program will be given on a “Conditional” basis. Students must complete the following within the allotted time in their “Conditional Acceptance” letter (about 30 days) to receive “Full Acceptance”. **If students don’t complete these requirements, they will forfeit their spot.** Once “Full Acceptance” is granted, students can register for Physical Therapist Assistant classes.

1. **American DataBank Complio:** Students are required to create an American DataBank Complio account to order their background check, submit necessary documentation, and meet immunization compliance requirements. Create an account by going to: <https://saltlakecc.complio.com/>

If you have any problems setting up the account or questions on submitting information, please contact the Customer Service Department for American DataBank Complio. Phone: 1-800-200-0853 (7am-6pm MT Monday – Friday) OR email: complio@americandatabank.com.

2. **Immunizations:** Order “Immunization Compliance Package” from American DataBank Complio, \$15.
 - a. This subscription will need to be renewed every 12 months while in the program for \$15.
 - b. For specific information, please see the “After You’re Accepted Into The Program” section under the desired program on the [Health Sciences Admissions website](#).
 - c. Immunization requirements are subject to change, therefore check the website often and far enough in advance to be able to accommodate deadlines. For questions on immunizations, please contact 801-957-6253 or healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu.
 - d. Required immunizations officially documented and uploaded into American DataBank Complio:
 - i. Annual Influenza Vaccination
 - ii. Annual Tuberculosis (see HS website)
 - iii. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap)
 - iv. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
 - v. Varicella (Chicken Pox)
 - vi. Hepatitis B (Series and titer may take up to 1 year, so start well in advance)
 - vii. Hepatitis A vaccination series (highly recommended but not required)
 - viii. COVID-19
3. **Background Check:** Order “Criminal Background Check Package” through American Databank Complio, \$29
 - a. Students assume the risk if their criminal background check is not clear. If students do not pass the background check, they may not be accepted into the program. This may result in withdrawal from the program after the tuition refund deadline has passed. The clinical site will make the final determination about accepting students for clinical placement.
 - b. It is **strongly** recommended that prospective students take measures to have criminal offenses [expunged](#) or sealed from their record if possible. Students can review [Criminal History Guidelines on DOPL’s website](#). Students are advised to contact the [Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator](#) with any questions or concerns prior to applying to the program.

4. **CPR Certification:** Documentation uploaded into American DataBank Complio account
 - a. Current [American Heart Association](#) OR [American Red Cross](#) 2-year BLS Healthcare Provider certification. BLS (CPR) Certification may be obtained at any certified provider. **Students will need to ensure their BLS (CPR) certification is current throughout the program.**
5. **Drug Screening:** Order “Drug Screening Package” through American DataBank Complio, \$35
 - a. You will have 48 hours to complete the test once ordered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM SCHEDULE			
Fall Semester (1 st)		Spring Semester	
PTA 2010 Functional/Neuro Anatomy	3	PTA 2350 Data Collection PTA	2
PTA 2015 Appl of Functional Anatomy	1	PTA 2360 Implement Data Collection	2
PTA 2100 Patient Care Skills	2	PTA 2400 Musculoskeletal Disorders	3
PTA 2110 Implement Patient Care Skills	1	PTA 2410 Interventions Musculo Disorders	2
PTA 2200 Therapeutic Modalities/Integ	2	PTA 2510 Spec Disorders/Populations I	3
PTA 2210 Implement Ther Modalities	2	PTA 2520 Interventions Special Disorders	2
PTA 2300 Therapeutic Exercise	2	PTA 2530 Gerontology	2
PTA 2310 Implement Therapeutic Exercise	2	PTA 2850 Special Studies for PTA	2
Total	15	Total	18
Summer Semester		Fall Semester (2nd)	
PTA 2450 Neurological Disorders	2	PTA 2700 Clinical Internship II	5
PTA 2460 Interventions Neuro Disorders	2	PTA 2710 Clinical Internship III	6
PTA 2550 Rehabilitation Psychology	2	PTA 2750 Seminar for PTA	1
PTA 2600 Clinical Internship I	4		
PTA 2540 Special Disorders II	1		
Total	11	Total	12

Program Hours & Minimum Grades

Classes are typically taught M-TH from 8:00-3:30, except when students are in clinical settings during Summer semester and the second Fall semester. (The hours for the student will be determined by the clinical setting.) All accepted students are required to be enrolled full time while in the PTA program. The program consists of theory, skill-based, and clinical courses. The curriculum is offered during the day only on a full-time basis.

To maintain a position in the PTA program, students must maintain a **C (77%) grade or better** in each required class and complete the technical curriculum in the order outlined. To integrate classroom and skill-based learning with real-life, students participate in an on-site pro-bono physical therapy clinic. The facilities have two therapy labs, a cadaver lab, a therapy pool, and personal lockers for students.

National Exam

Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE) for the Physical Therapist Assistant through the Federation of State Boards in Physical Therapy (fsbpt.org). Licensure is required to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the State of Utah. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are awarded the AAS degree (Associates of Applied Science) which allows students to sit for the NPTE through the Federation of State Boards in Physical Therapy (fsbpt.org). If a student passes the exam, they will be eligible for licensure/registration in all states. For state licensure information, visit www.dopl.utah.gov.

Accreditation

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Salt Lake Community College is accredited by the **Commission of Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)**, 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: www.capteonline.org.

For more information, please contact

<p>Academic Advisor(s) PTA Academic Advisor(s) or call: 801-957-6215 3491 W. Wights Fort Road West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Student Center 203</p>	<p>Health Sciences Admissions Office 3491 W. Wights Fort Road, West Jordan, UT 84088 Jordan Health Sciences Center 065 Office: (801) 957-6253 Fax: (801) 957-6324 http://www.slcc.edu/hs/admissions/index.aspx healthsciencesadmissions@slcc.edu</p>
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Helpful Websites

[Math & Science Tutoring](#)

[Reading & Writing Tutoring](#)

[Physical Therapist Assistant Main Page](#)

[Physical Therapist Assistant Admissions](#)

[Physical Therapist Assistant Student Handbook](#): (Essential Job Functions-pg 9, Program Outcomes, etc.)

[Physical Therapist Career Information](#)

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