

# Physical Therapist Assistant

The science of healing. The art of compassion.

A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) is a healthcare provider working with individuals and their families under the supervision of a Physical Therapist (PT) 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 PTA will be involved in modification of treatment programs, client/family education and discharge planning under the direction of a PT. Healthcare settings where a PTA may work include hospitals, extended care facilities, rehabilitation centers, outpatient facilities, sports medicine clinics, work hardening programs, schools and homes.

## WHY SLCC?

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 Health Sciences Admissions for requirements:  
[slcc.edu/hs/admissions](http://slcc.edu/hs/admissions)

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.

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Visit the Physical Therapist Assistant website for more information at:  
[slcc.edu/ptassistant](http://slcc.edu/ptassistant)

## CAREERS & SALARY

**Median Average  
Hourly Wage: \$25.92**

[jobs.utah.gov](http://jobs.utah.gov)

## LENGTH OF PROGRAM

Four semesters  
56 Program Credits  
18 Prerequisite Credits

**74 Total Credits**

## PROGRAM COST

Approximately \$12,000 including Regular Tuition and Fees:

[slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx](http://slcc.edu/student/financial/tuition-fees.aspx)

## MORE INFORMATION

Division of Health Professions  
801-957-6200

Physical Therapist Assistant  
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801-957-6215

[slcc.edu/ptassistant](http://slcc.edu/ptassistant)

\*Disclaimer: Although every attempt is made to ensure information on this sheet is correct, information is subject to change. Please consult the website for the latest information.

## ADMISSION PROCESS

- **Must be 18** years of age at time of entry into the program.
- Be admitted to SLCC as a matriculated student.
- Request an **official evaluation** of 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](http://slcc.edu/hs/admissions)
- HESI pre-admission exam.
- Proctored essay.

## 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<sup>^</sup>(SS) (3)
- ENGL 1010 Intro to Writing<sup>^</sup> (EN) (3)
- MA 1100 Medical Terminology (3)
- MATH 1040 (QL)(3) or Math 1050<sup>\*\*^</sup> (4)

The following prerequisites must be completed with a B grade or better within the past five years, and are limited to 2 attempts:

- BIOL 2320/2325 Human Anatomy Lecture/Lab (4)  
**(If you are taking Human Anatomy at SLCC, you must complete BIOL 1610/1615 first with a C grade or better.)**
- PTA 1010 Intro to Physical Therapy (2)

NOTE: Students applying to Fall 2020 are required to take MA 1100 in place of PTA 1500.

<sup>^</sup>Offered online

<sup>\*</sup>ACT/SAT/the SLCC placement process placement into ENGL 1010 or above.

<sup>\*\*</sup>ACT/SAT/the SLCC placement process 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 PTA program provides both general and technical education. The program consists of four semesters of PTA 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 Utah.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- One cohort of 24 students is admitted every 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.
- Students will be responsible to provide their own transportation to clinical sites.

SEMESTER I (FALL)	SEMESTER II (SPRING)	SEMESTER III (SUMMER)	SEMESTER IV (FALL)
<b>PTA 2010 (3)</b> Functional and Neuro Anatomy	<b>PTA 2350 (2)</b> Data Collection PTA	<b>PT 2450 (2)</b> Neurological Disorders	<b>PTA 2700 (5)</b> Clinical Internship II
<b>PTA 2015 (1)</b> Functional Anatomy in PT	<b>PTA 2360 (2)</b> Data Collection PTA Lab	<b>PTA 2460 (2)</b> Neurological Disorders in PT	<b>PTA 2710 (6)</b> Clinical Internship III
<b>PTA 2100 (2)</b> Patient Care Skills	<b>PTA 2400 (3)</b> Musculoskeletal Disorders	<b>PTA 2540 (1)</b> Special Disorders II	<b>PTA 2750 (1)</b> Seminar for PTA
<b>PTA 2110 (1)</b> Patient Care Skills in PT	<b>PTA 2410 (2)</b> Musculoskeletal Disorders Lab	<b>PTA 2550 (2)</b> Rehabilitation Psychology	
<b>PTA 2200 (2)</b> Therapeutic Modalities	<b>PTA 2510 (3)</b> Special Disorders I	<b>PTA 2600 (4)</b> Clinical Internship I	
<b>PTA 2210 (2)</b> Therapeutic Modalities in PT	<b>PTA 2520 (2)</b> Special Disorders in PT I		
<b>PTA 2300 (2)</b> Therapeutic Exercise	<b>PTA 2530 (2)</b> Gerontology		
<b>PTA 2310 (2)</b> Therapeutic Exercise in PT	<b>PTA 2850 (2)</b> Special Studies for PTA		
<b>15 CREDITS</b>	<b>18 CREDITS</b>	<b>11 CREDITS</b>	<b>12 CREDITS</b>