

Physical Therapist Assistant

General Information

Program Objective

The objective of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program is to prepare students for immediate employment as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Upon completion of the program, students will receive an Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant and be eligible to take the National Physical Therapist Assistant Licensure Exam.

Program Location

The Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program is the result of a collaborative partnership between Seminole State College and Gordon Cooper Technology Center (GCTC). Students complete general education requirements and technical-occupational support requirements primarily on the SSC campus. PTA lecture/lab courses are completed at the Shawnee campus of GCTC. Clinical coursework takes place at assigned affiliate clinical sites.

Program Accreditation

Graduation from a physical therapist assistant education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone; 703-706-3245; accreditation@apta.org is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. SSC and GCTC are seeking accreditation of a new physical therapist assistant education program from CAPTE. The program is planning to submit an Application for Candidacy, which is the formal application required in the pre-accreditation stage, on June 1, 2017. Submission of this document does not assure that the program will be granted Candidate for Accreditation status. Achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status is required prior to implementation of the technical phase of the program; therefore, no students may be enrolled in technical courses until Candidate for Accreditation status has been achieved. Further, though achievement of Candidate for Accreditation status signifies satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it does not assure that the program will be granted accreditation.

Majoring in Physical Therapist Assistant

Selecting physical therapist assistant as a major is open to all SSC students and can be accomplished through an advisor just like any other SSC major field of study. However, formal admission to the program is a more rigorous and competitive process. Please see the SSC-GCTC PTA Program website for complete instructions regarding the application process.

PTA Program Application Requirements

1. Completed application
2. Official Transcripts for all collegiate level academic work including degrees conferred

3. Proof of residence (if qualified to receive GCTC points for residence)
4. Evidence of any completed GCTC Allied Health Programs
5. ACT Composite Score of 19 (Taken within the last 5 years)
6. Completed essays
7. Evidence of prior work in a health related field (must include timeline)
8. Documentation of 40 observation hours completed in a minimum of 2 settings on SSC-GCTC PTA Program Observation Form
9. Proof of current CPR

Suggested Plan of Study

Below is a suggested schedule of course study. Each individual's progress will vary depending on their academic background and prerequisite courses required. Students will not be allowed to enroll in PTA technical classes unless accepted into the PTA program.

First Semester

ENG	1113	Composition I	3
GOV	1113	American National Government	3
BIOL	1214	Principles of Biology	4
PSY	1113	General Psychology	3
NURS	2423	Medical Terminology	3
SOC	1101	Freshman Seminar	<u>1</u>
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Second Semester

ENG	1213	Composition II	3
HIST	1483	American History Survey to 1877 <u>or</u>	
HIST	1493	American History Survey since 1877	3
BIOL	2114	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL	2214	Human Physiology	<u>4</u>
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Third Semester

PTA	1011	Introduction to Physical Therapy	1
PTA	1023	Basic Patient Care	3
PTA	1032	Pathophysiology for the PTA	2
PTA	1042	Kinesiology for the PTA	2
PTA	1053	Clinical Procedures I	3
PTA	1064	Therapeutic Exercise I	4
PTA	1072	Clinical Practice I	<u>2</u>
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Fourth Semester (8 weeks)

PTA	2013	Clinical Procedures II	3
PTA	2023	Clinical Practice II	<u>3</u>
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Fifth Semester

PTA	2032	Neuroanatomy for the PTA	2
PTA	2044	Therapeutic Exercise II	4
PTA	2052	Professional Topics	2
PTA	2064	Clinical Practice III	4
PTA	2071	PTA Capstone	<u>1</u>
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Total Program Hours **67**

Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Applied Science

Program Objective

The objective of the Physical Therapist Assistant Associate in Applied Science is to prepare students to enter the workforce as a physical therapist assistant.

Admission Requirements

1. High School graduation or G.E.D.
2. Acceptance to Seminole State College.
3. Acceptance into the SSC-GCTC PTA Program.
4. GPA of 2.0 and "C" or better in all required courses.
5. ACT Composite score of 19 (Taken within past 5 years).
6. Attendance of PTA Program Orientation.
7. Submit required and complete immunization records.
8. Completion of background check in accordance with state and federal requirements.

Graduation Requirements

1. At least sixty-seven designated semester credit hours.
2. Grade of "C" or better required in all courses.
3. Grade Point Average of 3.0 or better.
4. Thirty-six credit hours in attendance at SSC.
5. Completion of Graduate Exit Survey.

Please Note: Students who begin an Associate in Applied Science degree program are permitted to change to a transfer degree program should their goals change to include the pursuit of a four-year degree upon graduation from Seminole State.

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ENG 1113	Composition I	3
GOV 1113	American National Government	3
BIOL 1214	Principles of Biology	4
PSY 1113	General Psychology	3
NURS 2423	Medical Terminology.....	3
SOC 1101	Freshman Seminar	1
ENG 1213	Composition II	3
HIST 1483	American History Survey to 1877 <u>or</u>	
HIST 1493	American History Survey since 1877.....	3

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Enrollment in the PTA courses below requires formal admission to the SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program:

PTA 1011	Introduction to Physical Therapy	
PTA 1023	Basic Patient Care	
PTA 1032	Pathophysiology for the PTA	
PTA 1042	Kinesiology for the PTA	
PTA 1053	Clinical Procedures I	
PTA 1064	Therapeutic Exercise I	
PTA 1072	Clinical Practice I	
PTA 2013	Clinical Procedures II	
PTA 2023	Clinical Practice II	
PTA 2032	Neuroanatomy for the PTA	
PTA 2044	Therapeutic Exercise II	
PTA 2052	Professional Topics	
PTA 2064	Clinical Practice III	
PTA 2071	PTA Capstone	

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NURS 2423	Medical Terminology	
BIOL 2114	Human Anatomy	
BIOL 2214	Human Physiology	

MINIMUM TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE 67

Recommended First-Year Courses for SSC Physical Therapist Assistant Program Applicants

First Semester

ENG 1113	Composition I	3
GOV 1113	American National Government	3
BIOL 1214	Principles of Biology	4
PSY 1113	General Psychology	3
NURS 2423	Medical Terminology.....	3
SOC 1101	Freshman Seminar	1
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Second Semester

ENG 1213	Composition II	3
HIST 1483	American History Survey to 1877 <u>or</u>	
HIST 1493	American History Survey since 1877.....	3
BIOL 2114	Human Anatomy.....	4
BIOL 2214	Human Physiology.....	4
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