

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; email: accreditation@apta.org] is necessary to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states. Effective March 16, 2018 Seminole State College-Gordon Cooper Technology Center has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by CAPTE. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 405-214-3203 or email s.judeh@sscok.edu. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation and may matriculate students in technical/professional courses. Candidate for Accreditation is not an accreditation status nor does it assure eventual 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

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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 | <u>1</u> |
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Second Semester

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| 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

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| 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)

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

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| 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

Degree Program Mentor

For additional information regarding this degree, contact the Degree Program Mentor.



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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.

General Education Requirements 20

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| ENG 1113 | Composition I | 3 |
| ENG 1213 | Composition II | 3 |
| GOV 1113 | American National Government | 3 |
| HIST 1483 | American History Survey to 1877 or | |
| HIST 1493 | American History Survey since 1877..... | 3 |
| BIOL 1214 | Principles of Biology | 4 |
| PSY 1113 | General Psychology | 3 |
| SOC 1101 | Freshman Seminar | 1 |

Technical-Occupational Requirements 36

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

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| 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 |

Technical-Occupational Support Requirements 11

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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

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| NURS 2423 | Medical Terminology..... | 3 |
| SOC 1101 | Freshman Seminar | 1 |
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