

Personality + Career

You will succeed as a physical therapist assistant if you are interested in a career where you will be active and knowledgeable about the human body and how it can heal through movement. This hands-on career involves problem-solving, empathy, and working one-on-one with all types of patients to improve their function and their lives.



| Program | What do students learn in the program? | What you'll earn! | Career Opportunities | Certificate Preparation | Required Tools, Supplies, and Uniforms |
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| Physical Therapist Assistant | Students will study kinesiology to learn about normal movement of the body in daily activities and how injury or disease can affect movement and function. Hands-on learning for physical therapy interventions includes therapeutic exercise, cardiopulmonary interventions, neurological rehabilitation techniques, gait training with assistive devices, manual therapy techniques, and the role of physical agents in promoting pain relief and tissue healing. | \$23.10 hourly; \$48,048 annually | Physical Therapist Assistant | Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for Physical Therapist Assistants. After passing, graduates will either become certified or licensed in the state where they are practicing. | PTA Student Uniform (polo shirt); name tag, goniometer, gait belt. More information will be shared at program orientation. |



Our Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares you to work under the supervision of physical therapists to assist patients of all ages regain their ability to move. Your job will revolve around helping patients use exercise, controlled movement and an understanding of the human body to reduce pain and gain mobility. This rewarding career has an important role on the health care team.

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

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» Paying for SCC

- ▶ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- ▶ Scholarships - southeast.edu/scholarships
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- ▶ Veteran Education Benefits - southeast.edu/veterans-services
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The SCC Experience

- » Our hands-on program will teach you how the body moves (the interaction of the musculoskeletal, nervous and cardiopulmonary systems) and functions in everyday activities. Students gain valuable experience and skills, equipping them to make an immediate impact in the workplace!
- » SCC Physical Therapist Assistant students learn in modern, open lab spaces with the latest in equipment and technology in the state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building.
- » Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant program are involved! They have the opportunity to join the SCC Student PTA Association to promote the profession and volunteer. Students also have the option to join the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and attend conferences, both locally and nationally. Both experiences provide students exposure to valuable educational and networking experiences!



Related Programs at SCC:

- Associate of Health Sciences
- Paramedic



| Program | In what term do students start clinicals? | Where do students participate in clinicals? | In general, what time of day and days of the week can students expect to attend clinical? | Will the program help student secure their sites? Do students need to contact clinical sites prior to acceptance/placement? | How many clinical hours do students complete in the program? |
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| Physical Therapist Assistant | End of the Spring Semester (2nd semester in the program). | All PTA students will participant in at least one rural clinical site and one inpatient clinical site. Various sites include: outpatient, skilled nursing facility, home health care, acute care/hospital, pediatrics. | Students attend clinical full-time, usually, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., dependent on the site and clinical instructor's schedules. Some clinicals may be scheduled later afternoon/evening depending on the facility. | The clinical coordinator will place students in clinical sites based on required hours, specialties, rotations, and availability. Students should not contact potential clinical sites. | 17 total weeks in clinical education for 680 hours. |

| Program | Credential | Location | Credit Hours | Tuition/Fees* | Books/Fees/Supplies | Tools | Total Cost* | Starting Term(s) | Number of Semesters Required- Full Time | Is summer term required for Full Time? | Online Option | Can the program be completed entirely online? | Part-Time Option | Typical Class Schedule |
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| Physical Therapist Assistant | Associate of Applied Science | Lincoln | 67 | R - \$8,107 NR - \$9,514 | \$1,770 | \$30 | R - \$9,907 NR - \$11,314 | Fall | 3 + 1 summer term | Yes | No | No | No | Classes are scheduled: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. - Noon |

*R=Resident, NR=Non-resident. Costs listed are estimates and are subject to change based on the market price of books, supplies, tools, uniforms, etc. Estimated costs also include tuition and fees. Additionally, days/times of week for class, lab, clinical/practicum are subject to change based on curriculum, facilities, instructor, and site availability. Actual program schedules will be provided prior to each enrolled term.