

Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate in Applied Science Degree - Health Care: Physical Therapist Assistant

Somerset Community College
Program Overview

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PROGRAM DETAILS

This two-year program prepares the student to become a skilled assistant working under the supervision of a physical therapist to provide patient services that alleviate physical impairments and restore function.

The program utilizes a selective admissions process with limited enrollment. Admission to the college does not guarantee acceptance into the program. New students are admitted once yearly with PTA courses beginning in the Fall Semester.

The Associate in Applied Science Degree is comprised of 26-29 hours of general education course work and 40 hours of program-specific course work, including three clinical experiences at various clinical sites. Students are prepared to take the certification examination.

ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Somerset Community College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 3030 Potomac Ave., Suite 100, Alexandria, Virginia 22305-3085; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: accreditation@apta.org; website: <http://www.capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call the program director at (606)451-6823 or email ron.meade@kctcs.edu.

PROGRAM LOCATION

SCC's PTA Program is located on the Somerset Campus, in Somerset, Ky, with classroom, laboratory and faculty offices located on the second floor of the Harold Rogers Student Commons building. Students enrolled in the program are expected to attend all program courses in person unless otherwise specified in course syllabi. General education courses may be completed at any KCTCS institution or transferred from other accredited institutions. Prospective students with transfer credits should submit a transcript to the Office of the Registrar to determine the transferability of those course credits prior to application to the program.

PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Somerset Community College is committed to academic excellence for students seeking associate degrees in the discipline. Program graduates will be prepared to act as contributing members of an inter-professional team and to interact with all constituents in a culturally sensitive manner that values the humanity of every person and the qualities that make them unique. They will be knowledgeable of theories and principles supportive of skills and procedures critical to the physical therapist assistant. Graduates, as they enter the workforce, will have achieved competency with general techniques consistent with contemporary professional expectations and common to practice settings available to them in the physical therapy communities served by Somerset Community College. They will be prepared to meet standards to obtain state credentials as a physical therapist assistant and to function in a technically competent, caring, responsible and safe manner under the supervision of a physical therapist.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

- The national standard for certification as a PTA is the National Physical Therapy Examination, administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.
- Students enrolled in the program must complete all required courses with a grade of "C" or higher. The minimum required passing score for all PTA Program-specific courses is 80%.
- Exceptional high school students enrolled in their final year of high school are encouraged to apply to the PTA Program. High school students who rank in the top 10% of their graduating class with an ACT Composite score of 20 or higher are highly competitive.
- Students enrolled in the program are highly encouraged to become members of the American Physical Therapy Association and to participate in campus and community service projects.
- A felony conviction may affect the ability to obtain certification as a PTA in Kentucky.
- Students may be required to submit to drug screens and background checks at their own expense as a requirement for clinical courses and must carry liability insurance while in the program.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Hospital settings
- Long-term care facilities
- Home Health
- Outpatient Clinics
- Rehabilitation Centers

SAMPLING OF PROGRAM'S TECHNICAL COURSES

- Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology
- Medical & Surgical Conditions
- Modalities & Procedures in Physical Therapy
- Neuroanatomy
- Neurological Rehabilitation
- Clinical Practicum



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Students must complete CPR 100 or an APPROVED CPR certification course prior to enrolling in PTA 101 and must maintain current certification for the duration of the program.

REQUIRED COURSES

	Credit
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (26-29 HOURS)	
BIO 137 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG 101 Writing I	3
BIO 139 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Computer Literacy	0-3
PSY 110 General Psychology	3
Heritage / Humanities	3
PSY 223 Developmental Psychology	3
MAT 150 College Algebra	3
Oral Communications Course	3
PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS (40 HOURS)	
PTA 101 Orientation to Physical Therapy Practice	5
PTA 125 Neuroanatomy for the PTA	1
PTA 150 Functional Anatomy & Kinesiology	6
PTA 160 Medical and Surgical Conditions	3
PTA 170 Clinical Practicum I	1
PTA 200 Modalities and Procedures in Physical Therapy	5
PTA 220 Physical Therapy Principles and Procedures	5
PTA 240 Clinical Practicum II	2
PTA 250 Neurological Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy	5
PTA 260 Seminar in Physical Therapy	2
PTA 280 Clinical Practicum III	5

TOTAL HOURS FOR AAS in PTA DEGREE (66-69 HOURS)

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE

FIRST SUMMER TERM (7 HOURS)

BIO 137
ENG 101

SEMESTER ONE (16-19 HOURS)

PTA 101
PTA 125
BIO 139
Computer Literacy
PSY 110
Heritage/Humanities

SEMESTER TWO (13 HOURS)

PTA 150
PTA 160
PTA 170
PSY 223

SECOND SUMMER TERM (6 HOURS)

MAT 150
Oral Communication

SEMESTER THREE (12 HOURS)

PTA 200
PTA 220
PTA 240

SEMESTER FOUR (12 HOURS)

PTA 250
PTA 260
PTA 280

TOTAL HOURS FOR PROGRAM – 66-69

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