

APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Application to the SPC PTA Program involves completing the steps outlined below. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

1. Apply to South Plains College. This is a separate application and mandatory to be eligible to apply to the PTA Program. NOTE : Included in this process is submission of OFFICIAL transcripts from each college you have attended (including any dual credit you have earned). <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/apply.php>
2. Contact the SPC Financial Aid Office for any questions you might have about financial aid. https://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/paying-for-school/financial_aid.php
3. Complete an SPC Scholarship application. <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admissionaid/paying-for-school/scholarships.php>
4. Complete an advising session with PTA Program faculty or attend a PTA Program Information Session to ensure that you understand all requirements.
5. Complete Program prerequisites before the Spring semester of the year that the PTA Program starts with a "C" or higher :
 - MATH 1314 College Algebra
 - ENGL 1301 English Composition 1
 - Any Humanities course (including but not limited to foreign language, Sociology, Philosophy, upper level English or History)
 - Either SCIT 1407 Applied Anatomy & Physiology (A&P) 1 or BIOL 2401 A&P 1 and 2402 A&P 2
 - PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth and Development and PHYS 1410 Elementary Physics can be completed before or during the Program
 - ENGL 2311 Technical Writing and/or HITT 1305 Medical Terminology and/or additional Physical Science courses are not required, but will earn extra consideration if completed with a C or higher
6. Complete (with a 70% or higher) the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). <https://www.southplainscollege.edu/testing/> You may only retest 1 time per application cycle. We recommend reviewing your scores with PTA Program faculty prior to submission of those scores on your PTA Program application
7. Complete a minimum of 30 hours of observation of physical therapy treatment in a PT facility (earn extra consideration by completing additional hours at a variety of settings). Your observation hours should be recorded and reported on the PTA Observation Log.
8. Provide this link (<https://forms.office.com/r/n1TqRZd37w>) to the [SPC PTA Program Letter of Reference](#) to 3 people (at least one PT/PTA you have worked with or observed; other appropriate recommenders are teachers or employers) who you would like to provide a recommendation on your behalf. Please let them know the deadline for submission is November 15th. No materials will be accepted after this deadline.
9. Complete this [PTA Program application](#). Applications for the SPC PTA Program will be accepted from September 15th to November 15th.
10. Applicants who submit a complete application by the deadline will be invited to participate in an interview process, consisting of an in-person interview with Program faculty and also writing a response to a physical-therapy-related article.

APPLICATION SCORING

Completed applications will be scored for admission ranking in the following manner:

- TEAS Score – 1 point for each percentage point earned on the passed (with a 70% or higher) attempt.
- GPA Points – 8 points for every “A” and 5 points for every “B” will be earned for courses listed in #5 above (College Algebra, English Composition 1, Anatomy & Physiology, Humanities, Lifespan Growth and Development, Elementary Physics, Technical Writing, Medical Terminology, additional Physical Science courses). A “C” will not earn any points, but satisfies the course completion requirement; a “D” or “F” will not be accepted. An additional 5 points will be earned if all attempted pre-requisite courses are passed on the first attempt of each.
- Letter of Reference Points – Points will be earned based on the recommender’s rating of the applicant’s commitment to learning, critical thinking, interpersonal skills, oral communication, written/electronic communication, timeliness, and professional demeanor.
- Degree Points – 1 point will be earned for having earned an associate degree (as highest degree earned), 3 points for having earned a bachelor’s degree (as highest degree earned), and 5 points for having earned a post-graduate degree (master’s or doctoral).
- Observation Hours Points – 3 points will be earned for observing between 60 and 79 hours, and 5 points will be earned for observing 80 hours or more. Observing at least 30 hours satisfies the observation hours requirement.
- Observation Settings Points – for observation hours exceeding 30 hours, 1 point will be earned for having observed at two different PT facilities and 2 points will be earned for having observed at three or more different PT facilities.
- Interview – 15 points will be earned for professional verbal and nonverbal communication and conduct.
- Writing – 15 points will be earned for communicating critical thinking clearly and concisely in writing.

If accepted into the Program, you will be required to:

- Complete the online New Student Orientation modules
- Complete an in-person 2.5-day Orientation prior to beginning of Spring classes
- Complete a criminal background check (CBC). If you have a positive “hit” on your CBC, the SPC PTA Program will provide contact information for ECPTOTE so that you can verify your eligibility to license (the SPC PTA Program is not responsible for determining your eligibility for licensure).
- Complete a drug screen. If you have a positive “hit” on your drug screen, you will not be allowed to join the Program and will not be eligible for readmission.
- Complete/maintain a current American Heart Association’s Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course throughout enrollment in the PTA Program.
- Submit a complete immunization record
- Begin Program courses at the beginning of the Spring semester, in January.

If you are not accepted into the Program, you are encouraged to strengthen your application (by improving TEAS score, GPA, and/or observation hours) and then reapply for the following year.

If at any time you have any questions, please contact the SPC PTA Program office (806-716-2470 or 806-716-2518).