

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
Program Application Requirements

All applicants must:

1. Meet general [admission](#) requirements to STC.
2. Have a High School diploma or GED equivalent.
3. Be deemed TSI complete (click [here](#) for testing requirements).
4. Complete the [ACT Exam](#) including the Writing component. Achieve an ACT composite of 19 or above and a minimum of 16 in all individual areas (English, Math, Reading, and Science). ACT Writing score must be a 6 or above. Scores must be current within the last 5 years. ACT Exemptions are not permitted.
5. Earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all courses, including transfer courses and those completed at STC.
6. Complete all prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of "B" as listed in the [Physical Therapist Assistant Program degree plan](#). **BIOL 2401 must be completed within the last five years and PTHA 1409 must be completed within the last two years.**
7. Submit [Documentation of Experience Forms](#) as evidence of a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of volunteer or work experience under the supervision of a PT or PTA in two different settings, for a total of fifty (50) hours. One experience should be completed in an inpatient setting (hospital or nursing facility), and the other should be completed in a different type of setting such as an outpatient clinic or pediatric center. Home Health hours are not accepted. Therapists who supervise volunteer experiences cannot be a relative or personal friend of the student applicant.
8. Attend an Early Program Information/Advising Session per program requirements. For session times and to schedule an appointment, contact the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at (956) 872-3161 or log on to the [PTA website](#).
9. Submit a completed Program application by stated deadline. For more information contact the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at (956) 872-3161 or log on to the [PTA website](#).
10. Pass a background check and drug screen through approved providers. Students with criminal histories must provide proof of licensure eligibility from the [Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy](#) (ECPTOTE). This process may take up to 6 months to complete. For more information contact the NAH Clinical Affairs Specialist.
11. Meet [Technical Standards](#) as stated by the Physical Therapist Assistant Program.

Students who have met the above requirements may submit their application. Applications will be evaluated through a competitive selection process. Due to program size limitations, meeting application requirements does not guarantee admission into the program.