

PTA Admission Requirements

Acceptance into the PTA program is competitive with enrollment limited to 24 students. Applicants must meet the College's general admission requirements. Complete application must be submitted between January 15th and March 1st for enrollment in the following semester. Admission to the program is based on a points system. Students are encouraged to take non-PTHA courses in order to enhance their application.

Points System: Applications will earn points based on the following criteria:

- Attendance at San Jacinto PTA Informational Session
- Previous Education
 - Grade of C or better in non-PTHA courses of the PTA curriculum
 - Grade of B or better in other college courses of benefit to PTA students
 - Completion of an Associate Degree or higher Degree
- Related Experience
 - Hours of Observation
 - PT technician/aide experience
 - Other related experience
- Recommendation forms
- Early submittal of completed application

Steps to complete admission:

1. Apply for admission into San Jacinto College at www.sanjac.edu/apply
2. Submit all official transcripts from colleges/universities other than San Jacinto to the Office of Enrollment Services at San Jacinto South. Request a transcript evaluation be completed to determine prior course equivalency. (This must be completed prior to the admission application deadline. This can take up to 10 business days). Upon completion of the transcript evaluation you must provide a copy of your San Jacinto College transcript to the PTA program with your PTA program application and other required materials.
3. Submit all transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable) in your PTA application packet.
4. Complete PTA Program application form and submit after January 15th. The deadline for all application documents is March 1st. All program application forms are available at www.sanjac.edu/PTA.
5. Submit Hours of Observation Form. A total of 40 hours is required from at least two of the following settings: out-patient, in-patient rehabilitation, acute care hospital, pediatrics or home health. Twenty hours in-patient or acute hospital setting is strongly required as one of the options.
6. Submit 3 recommendation forms (only 3). It is required that one of the letters be from a PT or PTA. Each form must be completed and placed in a separate envelope. The person completing the form must sign the seal of the envelope. All 3 sealed and signed envelopes must be included in the PTA program application packet.
7. All required forms must be submitted in one envelope via mail or hand delivery by March 1st.
8. If eligible, complete the interview process.
9. If eligible, complete criminal background and drug screen.

The top 50 or so students will be invited for an interview which will include a meeting with the faculty and a written essay. Students with the greatest number of points will be offered acceptance.

Applicants must complete a total of at least 40 hours of observation in physical therapy from at least two settings and have three recommendation forms.

Accepted applicants will be notified by the end of May and will have 2 weeks to make a decision to accept or decline the position in the program. If positions in the program are not filled after 2 weeks, the alternate list will be contacted for acceptance in appropriate order.

Accepted students are required to have a criminal background and urine drug screen prior to admission into the program. Any student who has been convicted of misdemeanors (other than minor traffic violations), felonies, or has a positive drug screen will be contacted immediately for further instructions.

Meeting the criteria does not guarantee admission to the PTA program

Recent Acceptance and Matriculation Rates:

2010: 106 applicants; 27 accepted; 25 matriculated
2011: 187 applicants; 26 accepted; 24 matriculated
2012: 188 applicants; 24 accepted; 24 matriculated
2013: 152 applicants; 25 accepted; 24 matriculated
2014: 134 applicants; 27 accepted; 24 matriculated