

Acceptance into the PTA program is competitive with enrollment limited to 24 students. Applicants must meet the College's general admission requirements. Complete applications must be submitted between January 13th and March 2nd for enrollment in the following fall 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 College PTA Information 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
 - Undergraduate GPA
- Related Experience
 - Completion of the alternative to observational experience worksheet or observation hours of a PT or PTA
 - PT technician/aide experience
 - Other related experience
- Recommendation forms (3)
- Early submittal of completed application by February 15th

Steps to complete admission:

1. Apply for admission into San Jacinto College at <https://www.sanjac.edu>
2. Submit all official transcripts from colleges/universities other than San Jacinto College to the Office of Enrollment Services at San Jacinto South. Request a transcript evaluation be completed to determine prior course equivalency. **This is a separate step. San Jacinto College does NOT automatically evaluate all transcripts unless requested.** (This must be completed prior to the admission application deadline. This can take up to 10 business days).
3. For your PTA Admission Packet: Submit unofficial transcripts (copies are acceptable) and print out your SJC student transcript by accessing your SOS account at <https://www.sanjac.edu/soslogin> .
4. Complete PTA Program application and submit after January 13th. The deadline for all application documents is March 1st (or the following Monday if the date falls on a weekend). All program application forms are available at <https://www.sanjac.edu/program/physical-therapist-assistant>.
5. Submit completed alternative to observational experience worksheet or observation hours form.
6. Submit 3 recommendation forms (only 3). 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. **Recommendation forms cannot be completed by family or friends.**
7. All required forms must be submitted in one envelope via mail or hand delivered by the deadline.
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.

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 and directed to the ECPTOTE website.

ALL applicants are required to have 40 hours of observation of a PT or PTA prior to admittance to the program. If you are unable to secure at least 20 hours of observation by the time of application submission, you may submit the completed "alternative to observational hours worksheet" in lieu of those hours. Conditional acceptance is given until the program starts in Fall 2021. If the applicant is unable to complete the 40 hours, they will be denied admission to the program, and the next qualified applicant will be contacted

Meeting the criteria does not guarantee admission to the PTA program