

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 1st 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.

Admissions Point System: Applications will earn points based on the following criteria:

- Grade of C or better in non-PTHA courses of the PTA curriculum
- Prerequisite courses: 4 total. Only 1 may be in-progress (enrolled) at time of application
 - English 1301 (Composition I)
 - Math 1314 (College Algebra)
 - Biol 2301/2101 or 2401: A&P I Lecture and lab
 - Biol 2302/2102 or 2402: A&P II Lecture and lab
- Previous Education
 - Psyc 2301 (General Psychology)
 - Humanities or Fine Arts (see list on application)
 - Grade of B or better in other college courses of benefit to PTA students
 - Undergraduate GPA
- Attendance at San Jacinto College PTA Information Session (optional)
- Related Experience
 - Complete 40 hours of observation of a PT or PTA in at least 1 setting
 - PT technician/aide experience
 - Other related experience
- Recommendation forms (3 total). 1 must be from a PT/PTA.
- 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/admissions>
2. Submit all official transcripts from colleges/universities by mail to:
San Jacinto College
Records Management
13735 Beamer Road
Houston, TX 77089
3. For your PTA Admission Packet: Submit unofficial transcripts (copies are acceptable) and print out your SJC GPS (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/pta>.
5. Obtain observation hours, and have hours verified on log and signed by therapist
6. Submit 3 recommendation forms (only 3). One (of the three) must be completed by a PT/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. **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.

Top 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.

Meeting the criteria does not guarantee admission to the PTA program