

# St Petersburg College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Minimum Requirements Checklist

## Curriculum

Please complete the following items as soon as possible and refer to the [Physical Therapist Assistant](#) website for program information.

### Program begins in August.

- Completion of [St. Petersburg College Admission Application](#) and the non-refundable fee.
- Submission of official, unopened (sealed) high school transcript(s) or GED transcript. Unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened are not acceptable. Applicants who have earned an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, Baccalaureate, or higher degree from an accredited institution are waived from this requirement.
- Submission of all official, unopened (sealed) college transcripts from previously or currently enrolled colleges. Unofficial copies or official copies that have been opened are not acceptable.
- Completion of [placement testing](#) and all college preparatory work. Applicants who have credits earned in mathematics, composition, and/or reading may be waived from the placement test.
- If previously or currently enrolled at SPC, academically in good standing and have a cumulative 2.0 GPA.
- Completion of BSC 2085 and BSC 2085L, Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 and Lab, ENC 1101 Composition I, HSC 1531 Medical Terminology, and Computer/Information Literacy Competency with grades of "C" or better.
- Completion of a minimum total of 24 hours of observation, volunteer service or work experience in a physical therapy department verified by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant. This requirement must be completed in at least two different types of clinical settings. Some hours must be completed in inpatient (Hospital/skilled nursing facility, inpatient rehab facility) and some hours must be completed outpatient (sports medicine, private practice,).
- A minimum 2.50 GPA on a 4.00 scale in at least 12 hours in the general education and support courses of the Physical Therapist Assistant curriculum.
- Completion of the requirement for a Basic Rescuer C.P.R. Certificate and Basic First Aid Certificate. (On-line C.P.R certification or recertification will not be accepted.)
- Submission of the [Health Programs Application](#) with the completed [Health Program Experience / Observation Record](#) and a copy of a Basic Rescuer C.P.R. Certificate and Basic First Aid Certificate.

Within 90 days of the start of the first specialty course:

- Successful passing of a background check and drug screening.
- Completion of the Health Examination Form and any required immunizations.
- Completion of/attendance at the [Student Services Orientation](#) and the Physical Therapist Assistant Orientation.