

Frequently Asked Questions
SCF Physical Therapist Assistant Program (Revised 8.2018)

When is the application deadline?	Applications are accepted from the start of the Spring Semester until March 1.
Does this program have a “wait list”?	No. Students who apply and are not accepted must re-apply the following year. An “alternate” list may be utilized during the admissions cycle of a given year.
How many students are accepted in the program each year?	24 students are accepted annually; approximately 125 - 160 students have applied annually over the past few years
If I earned a “C” in a general academic course, can I retake that class to bring up my GPA?	Yes, per the current SCF college catalog, grade forgiveness policy, students can request to retake a course that they have successfully completed earning a grade of A, B or C. Students may also reattempt courses following an unsuccessful attempt, in which a grade of D, F, W or WF has been earned.
How are students selected for this program? In the event that there are more qualified applicants applying than available seats in the program, the following selections process will be utilized to determine applicant rank and subsequent offering of seats in the class to which the applicant applied:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submission of a complete application during the application period (Start of Spring Semester to March 1st of the year the class is scheduled the begin) 2. If more qualified applicants than available seats meet the above state criteria, then those applicants who have completed the four (4) prerequisite general education course with a grade of 2.75 or better will be considered 3. If more qualified applicants than available seats meet the above stated criteria, then those applicants who have completed the most additionally required general academic course towards the degree at the time of application will be considered 4. If more qualified applicants than available seats meet the above stated criteria then those applicants with the highest GPA in the general academic courses required by the degree at the time of application will be considered. 5. If at the end of the above stated criteria a tie exists between applicants, then the applicants overall GPA in all courses will be utilized to break the tie.
When will I be notified of an application decision?	Written notification of application decisions will occur no later than June 1 st .
If Accepted, when does the program begin?	The program begins the Fall semester of the year that the student was accepted. All accepted students must attend a mandatory orientation.
How much will this program cost?	The cost of in-state tuition, fees, textbooks, and uniforms for the PTA Program is approximately \$10,000.
Can I use the degree for transfer into a Physical Therapy program?	No, The General education credits may transfer, but the "PHT" courses do not.
How many more years would it take to become a Physical Therapist?	This varies by school. PT programs are now at the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) entry level, and offer the programs in various formats. Students generally require a bachelor's degree followed by three or more years of physical therapy coursework.
Is this a day or evening program?	PTA courses are offered during the day. Most of the general education courses are offered in the day, evening and many are available on-line.
Do you have a part time program?	No. The PTA program is a full-time program
Can I work and still succeed in the program?	The program recommends limiting work to less than 20 hours per week. Clinical experiences are full time: M - F from 8 - 5.
For more information please speak to a Student Advisor or call the SCF PTA Department at 752-5346.	