

Jefferson State Community College

PTA Program List of Requirements for Admission – Deadline January 15, 2027

REQUIREMENTS	IMPORTANT NOTES
Apply to Jefferson State Community College and send all official transcripts	You must apply to Jefferson State Community College and send all official transcripts, if appropriate, before submitting PTA application.
BIO 201 Anatomy and Physiology I (4 Semester Units) AND BIO 202 Anatomy and Physiology II (4 Semester Units)	Credit for BIO 201 and BIO 202 can be no older than 5 years. An exception may be made if the student can provide documentation of having passed BIO 230 Human Pathophysiology with at least a C within the last 5 years OR if a student has completed JSCC's PTA 120 with a grade of "C" or higher. Otherwise, the candidate must retake A&P I & II to be considered for the program. May consider grades achieved in upper-level anatomy and/or physiology for ranking purposes. Students must request review of appropriate upper-level courses with Program Director in writing and submit with application.
ENG 101 English Composition (3 Semester Units)	If the student has taken ENG 101 and ENG 102, and has a higher grade in ENG 102, will consider grade achieved in ENG 102 for ranking purposes. Will not use the grade for ranking purposes if ENG 102 has been requested as a substitute for the SPH requirement. Students must request review of appropriate upper-level courses with Program Director in writing and submit with application.
Humanities Elective (3 Semester Units)	Courses include art, humanities, religion, theatre, philosophy, music, intermediate foreign language, literature. A list of qualifying AAS Humanities and Fine Arts Elective Courses is in the JSCC Catalog and Student Handbook.
MTH Elective Intermediate College Algebra or higher (3 Semester Units)	MTH 100, 112, 113, 125 are examples of courses that would qualify for this elective. MTH 110, 116, 231, or 232 WILL NOT meet this requirement. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution should take MTH 113.
OAD 211 Medical Terminology (3 Semester Units)	MUST be a 3-unit semester course in Medical Terminology. Will NOT accept a 1 or 2 hour credit course.
PSY 200 General Psychology (3 Semester Units)	
PSY 210 Human Growth and Development (3 Semester Units)	
SPH Speech Elective (3 Semester Units)	SPH 106, 107. If requesting ENG 102 as a substitute for the SPH requirement, a written request must be submitted to the Program Director prior to the application deadline and included with the application.
College Cumulative GPA ≥ 2.50 Prerequisite GPA ≥ 2.50	All applicants must possess a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above (4.00 scale) on all college credit attempted, including Jefferson State credit. In addition, all students must provide proof that they have credit for all required prerequisite/general education courses with a grade of C or better and a GPA of 2.50 or above. Official college transcripts from all institutions must be on file with Jefferson State Community College's Enrollment Services by the application deadline.
ACT Composite Score ≥ 21 or Bachelor's degree or higher	All applicants must provide proof of achieving an ACT Composite score of 21 or higher and a Science subscore of 19 or higher taken within three (3) years prior to the application deadline OR have proof of earning a bachelor's degree or higher prior to the application deadline. The scores must be included with the application and on file with enrollment services by the deadline. There is not a time limit on when the bachelor's degree was obtained. A copy of the transcript listing the bachelor's degree must be included in the application.
40 Hours of PT/PTA Observation REQUIRED: ≥ 8 hours of observation in Acute/IPR/SNF	All applicants must provide signed documentation from a licensed PT or PTA of exposure to 40 hours* of observation**, work or volunteer experiences in a physical therapy setting. *At least 8 hours must involve exposure to an acute care (hospital-based), inpatient rehabilitation (IPR), or skilled nursing facility (SNF) setting. **These hours must be achieved within 1 year of the application deadline.
Purpose and Self-Reflection Essay	
Applicant Assessment – on Campus after application deadline	The applicant assessment date and time range are set one year in advance with each annual application packet update. Applicants are notified of their assessment invitation at least one week in advance and are assigned a group assessment time. Official notification is sent to the applicant's @alabama.edu email account.
OPTIONAL	IMPORTANT NOTES
Completion of PHS 112, a PHYSICS Course, OR Intro PTA Seminar.	Qualified candidates MAY be eligible for a 2-point application bonus for 1 activity in this category: Completion of PHS 112 (Physical Science 112) OR a PHYSICS Course with "C" or higher; OR attend an Intro PTA Seminar.
PTA 120 Introduction to Kinesiology	Qualified candidates MAY be eligible for additional application points based on enrollment and/or completion of this course. This course is only offered at JSCC Shelby/Hoover Campus, Fall and Spring.